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Despite a decline in applications, campus tours are bigger than ever this year. PHOTO BY LEE ARNOLD

Admissions Reports Drop In Applicants

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After receiving 3,560 applications, the admissions office sent out acceptance letters to 1600 high school seniors last Friday. There are 470 spaces allotted for the class of 1995.

Hamilton admissions were "very routine this year," aside from a five percent decrease in the amount of applications received, according to Doug Thompson, Dean of Admission. Thompson said the decrease was "slight," and attributed it to both the poor economy and the decline in high school graduates over the past 12 years.

Northeast is most affected

Thompson said colleges with comparable tuitions have experienced drops in the number of applications they have received as well, since many families, especially in the Northeast, are feeling a pinch from the recession. He said students may be applying to fewer colleges, as well, in order to save money.

The number of students graduating from high schools has also declined most noticeably in the Northeast. Between 1979 and 1994, the college applicant pool is expected to have dropped by 40 percent, according to Thompson. This past year, the amount dropped by five percent.

Although the majority of liberal arts colleges in the Northeast experienced a decrease in application numbers this year, including Ivy League schools, Colgate enjoyed a slight increase in applicants, according to Thompson.

After a 14-year increase

This year's drop in applications received by Hamilton is the first drop in 14 years. "I don't think any college has gone up for the number of years we did," said Thompson. "I wish we could have kept going up this year, but you can't win them all."

Thompson predicts the number of high school graduates will be more stable in the next two to three years and that the Hamilton applicant pool will reflect this.

Minorities down, foreign students up

This year's accepted students include 402 minority students, who are black, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American. Last year, 441 minority students were accepted, reflecting the larger application pool for the class of 1994. The number of foreign students has increased this year, however, and Thompson says that Hamilton is becoming better-known overseas.

The overall ratio of men and

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Conference to Address Multicultural Concerns on White Campuses

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Hamilton College is sponsoring its first-ever Multicultural Strategy Conference, to be held next Friday through Sunday. The conference will aim to address the issue of having a multicultural community on a predominantly white campus, according to Karen Green, Director of Multicultural Affairs.

All students, faculty and staff will be able to attend various workshops to share ideas on how to approach multicultural issues. Twelve "teams" of representatives from other New York colleges and universities are also planning to attend. Green said Hamilton had invited such other state schools as Colgate, Cornell, Hobart and Syracuse.

Conference officials stated that their goal was for everyone to "come away from the conference feeling energized, informed and better able to meet the challenges of your campus' multicultural commitment."

Change things

The conference aims to stimulate thought that people can turn into action. "We want the kind of activity that can change things," said Christine Johnson, Director of Hamilton's Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP). "We need to bring African, Judaism, Asian and Latino studies to the forefront."

Johnson said that part of becoming completely educated is facing the challenges of cultural diversity. "Remember, a liberal arts education involves more than just going to the classroom. We have to learn about the other people in the classroom with us. We have to learn about other

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Middle States Evaluation Released to Community

The report issued by the Middle States Evaluation Team, which visited Hamilton November 4-7, was released this week. Hamilton again received accreditation, which came as no surprise, according to President Payne.

The nine-member team's report "is based solely on an educational evaluation of the institition, and of the manner in which it appears to be carrying out its educational objectives." The purpose of the report was to "sketch out what we [the team] consider to be the areas of greatest opportunity for Hamilton."

The team, lead by Richard Kneedler, President of Franklin and Marshall, was composed of administrators and faculty from Drew University, Allegheny College , Rider College, Johns Hopkins University, Bryn Mawr College, Mt. Holyoke College, and Bucknell College.

Payne concurs with most findings

The report "represents the views of the evaluation team as interpreted by the Chair." Payne commented that he agreed with most of the report, but found fault with some of their findings.

The team's analysis derived largely from their visit, during which they met with members of the Hamilton Community and observed Hamilton's day-to-day functions. The report was also based upon the college's own *Report on the Institutional Self-Study*, a two-volume report prepared by the Planning Committee.

The last Middle States Accreditation meeting took place ten years ago. The team felt that, since Hamilton's merger with Kirkland College, "...the progress has been truly remarkable, that what could have been fatal flaws for a lesser institution have been transmuted, instead, into building blocks for a positive educational identity that is successfully meeting today's student needs and which has promise, with further development, for even greater achievement in the years to come."

The team felt the college has successfully met the challenges it has recently faced, including becoming co-educational, enhancing the endowment, and preserving need-blind admissions. "Hamilton is thus capable of doing whastever it sets its collective mind to do," the team concluded.

President Payne was praised for his process of strategic planning, in which a self-study, a capital campaign, and a planning book, were instituted. They described Payne as "a scholar-presidnent who enjoys admiration and respect among the various constituents, wnad who is committed ot his role as chief planner."

Among the team's recommendations for the College's planning strategy is that they establish clearer linkages with academic planning and planning for student life and that the number of committees be consolidated to enhance effectiveness. They also expressed concern about the lack of a systematic administrative func-

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A two-car collision occured in front of Minor Theater Tuesday evening. See *Briefs* for more details. PHOTO BY BOB COOPER

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" One must then redefine what it means to be gay by destroying stereotypes."

-Paula Rust
ASST. PROF. OF SOCIOLOGY

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National News Briefs

Bush Defends Hands-Off Policy
Saddam Hussein's troops and tanks relentlessly snuffed out remaining pockets of rebellion Tuesday as the Bush administration defended its hands-off policy. State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said, "Why would you be putting American lives at risk ... in something that was never a stated goal or objective ... - to somehow change the Iraqi leadership?"

L.A. Mayor Wants Chief To Quit
Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley Tuesday called for police Chief Daryl Gates to resign in an effort to quiet public outrage over the March 3 videotaped beating of Rodney King by police officers. Bradley told Gates of his decision at a morning meeting. Gates' response, said Bradley: "Mayor, I think you're wrong and I will not resign."

State Budgets Face Red Ink
State governments across the USA are fighting recession, rising costs and years of higher taxes, spending cuts and layoffs. Thirty states face deficits this year, and a bleaker picture in 1992 as the economic slump heads west. Rainy day funds are at an eight-year low; spending on prisons, schools and health care, fueled by federal mandates, at an all-time high.

Dissection Ban Sought
Animal rights activists are threatening U.S. science education by seeking a ban on dissection in the classroom, the American Medical Association charged Tuesday. The AMA, worried that some states are taking steps to limit the use of animals, said it will step up efforts to keep animals in high school classrooms.

Fiber Cuts Breast Cancer Risk
Simply doubling the amount of fiber in the diet appears to reduce risk of breast cancer, a laboratory study shows. Researchers gave four groups of rats a chemical that causes breast cancer and fed them diets containing various levels of fiber. A "high fiber" diet was equivalent to doubling the fiber most people eat.

Hospital Fund Going Bankrupt
The Medicare hospital fund will be bankrupt in 15 years due to a imbalance between rising costs as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age and declining revenues, an advisory panel said Tuesday. The fund, which pays medical bills for 34 million elderly and disabled Social Security recipients, will go bankrupt by about 2006, the Social Security Advisory Council said.

Attack Is Talk Of Palm Beach
A woman's report that she was raped on the grounds of the Kennedy estate in Palm Beach is the talk of the community, residents say, but so far little is known. The 30-year-old woman told police Saturday afternoon of the 4 a.m. attack. No charges have been filed. Police will not say whether any Kennedys were involved, but say that alcohol was involved.

"Fronts" Named By Treasury
A "sophisticated network" of 89 businesses and individuals worldwide function as arms gathering "fronts" for the Iraqi government - and cash siphons for Saddam Hussein - the Treasury Department reported Monday. Included, two USA firms: Bay Industries Inc. of Santa Monica, Calif., and Matrix Churchill Corp. of Solon, Ohio.

Martha Grahm Dies
Modern dance pioneer Martha Graham died Monday in New York from cardiopulmonary arrest due to congestive heart failure. She was 96. She continued to create dances almost right up to her death. What would have been her 181st ballet, commemorating Columbus' discovery of America, was left unfinished.

Anti-Abortion Bill Vetoed
North Dakota Gov. George Sinner on Monday vetoed what would have been the USA's strictest anti-abortion bill. He said the bill did not respect the freedom of women. The bill would have banned abortions except in the case of rape or incest, or if the mother's life was in danger. The measure now goes to the House for a vote to override, which is unlikely. Sinner is a Roman Catholic.

Sailors Deny Sabotage
Two U.S. sailors flatly deny they plotted wartime sabotage of their aircraft carrier and say their being Moslem is the reason for their court-martial. Airman apprentice Abdul Shaheed, 22, and Seaman apprentice James Moss, 21, are charged with seeking support from crew members for kidnapping the Ranger's skipper, Capt. Ernest Christensen, or his top aide and sabotaging the ship's catapult.

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International News Briefs

USA Pushes U.N. Vote
The U.S.-led coalition pushed for a Security Council vote Wednesday on a tough Persian Gulf cease-fire resolution that punishes the war's loser: Iraq. Prodded by the USA, U.N. diplomats conducted intense negotiations. "I thinkthey have negotiated for so long," Austrian Ambassador Peter Hohenfellner told reporters, "that it should not be a problem to pass the resolution."

Price Hikes Hit Soviets
Price hikes hit state-run Soviet shops as promised Tuesday, doubling and tripling costs on scores of items - but not putting more goods on sale as consumers hoped. Meanwhile, striking coal miners are set to meet Wednesday with President Mikhail Gorbachev to talk about ending the month-old walkout by 300,000. No real headway has been made to resolve the strike.

Nixon Meets With Gorbachev
Former president Richard Nixon, once again in the world of superpower politics, met Tuesday with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his Russian Federation rival Boris Yeltsin. Nixon - wrapping up a two-week private visit to the Soviet Union - has also traveled to Lithuania, Georgia and the Ukraine.

British Hostage Freed
Swiss Foreign Minister Rene Felber, an intermediary between Iran and the USA, arrived in Tehran on Tuesday amid continuing rumors Western hostages held in Lebanon could soon be freed. Spurring hopes: British businessman Roger Cooper, 55, arrived home Tuesday after five years in an Iranian prison. His release was heralded as a step toward better relations between Britain and Iran.
police.

Quebec Expected To Secede
Quebec opposition leader Jacques Parizeau said the French-speaking province will probably be a separate nation by 1993, with its external affairs focused on the United States and France.

Easter Bunny Hunt Held
An Easter bunny hunt targeting the animals that farmers in New Zealand consider pests killed 4,102 rabbits, officials in the town of Alexandra reported. "You'd have sworn you were in the Middle East. There was gunfire everywhere," said Clark Flanagan, the town's marketing manager. First prize was $290 - and a stuffed rabbit.

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News from other Ivory Towers

Students Design Minority Courses
NEW LONDON, Conn. — In creating new courses and revising old ones, Connecticut College has abandoned the student-teacher relationship in favor of the "colleague" approach. In the only known program of its kind, student researchers work with professors in developing new classes — which focus on minority topics, such as Religions of the Caribbean and Native American literature — while revising existing courses to reflect cultural diversity. College President Claire Gaudiani said the program, dubbed the Mellon Initiatives on Multiculturalism in the Curriculum and funded by the Mellon Foundation, fits with the school's strategic plan "to create a more inclusive curriculum." Gaudiani said both the students and faculty have benefited from the unique interaction. "The students (exhibit) more intellectual engagement in other courses. . .And the faculty find (the students) to be very helpful. . .they reconsider the rationale embedded into a course," she said. "Teamwork is an extraordinarily powerful tool." "The students come to consider how a course is created, the judgments, the sacrifices, the struggles," Gaudiani said. The first group of the new and revised courses will be offered this fall.

Tuition For Valedictorians
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is offering four-year scholarships to every valedictorian from the state's high schools, the only such program in the nation. UNLV Foundation Chairwoman Elaine Wynn, whose foundation raises money for the scholarships, said the impact of the scholarship program can already be felt. "The quality of the student body has been elevated by the valedictorians," Wynn said. She added that there's been a definitive improvement in the freshman class's overall grade point average. Wynn's husband's company, Golden Nugget Inc., which owns several properties in Las Vegas, recently pledged $2 million to continue the program, which currently has 120 valedictorians on scholarship.

Senate To Hold Hemp Hearings
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Grabbing hold of a hot student topic, the University of Kentucky Student Government Association passed a resolution to hold public hearings on the issue of marijuana and hemp legalization. The hearings will not be so much "pro-legalization but pro-education," said Senator-at-Large Ashley Boyd. The first hearing, scheduled for April 10, will discuss the recreational and medicinal purposes of the hemp plant. Boyd said the move stays consistent with SGA's role "to provide education about something a lot of students are interested in." Although the hearings will probably not aid the growing movement toward legalization in Kentucky, Boyd said they will provide a sounding board for both sides.

Vets Given Chance At Education
SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant College is awarding five four-year scholarships and five full tuition fellowships to eligible men and women with documented service in the Persian Gulf War. William Rupp, Bryant's director of public information, said the scholarships, referred to as the Yellow Ribbon Scholarships, are excellent opportunities for veterans who might not be able to afford a private education. In return, the school "will benefit by getting another group of people on campus who will bring a different perspective, who come from different backgrounds," Rupp said. Rupp said the college receives several inquiries a day about the scholarships and will continue offering them until they are all awarded. Temple University in Philadelphia and Marlboro College in Vermont are offering similar scholarships.

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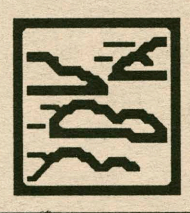
Weekend Weather

Saturday: Sunny, partly cloudy in the afternoon



Sunday: Windy, NW gusts up to 25 knots, optimal planing conditions.

Puzzle Solution

Solution to "Poetically Speaking"

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Faculty Motions to Tighten Requirements

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At its April meeting, the Faculty approved three motions which would make minor changes to Hamilton's graduation requirements. The Faculty also considered but failed to act on a motion instructing its Committee on Appointments to consider technical changes in the *Faculty Handbook*.

Currently, students must meet requirements in writing, breadth of course work, cultural diversity, and ethical issues by the time they graduation. The Faculty agreed that these requirements "should be completed by the end of the junior year."

Tendency to "put off goals three and four"

The change was prompted because "many advisors permit students to put off goals three and four," explained Nathaniel Strout, Associate Professor of English and Chair of the Committee on Academic Policy. Goal three encompasses knowledge of the diversity of the human condition and goal four encompasses ethical issues.

According to Strout, nearly 75 percent of this year's sophomore class has not completed the Arts requirement, and nearly 25 percent has not fulfilled the Science, Humanities, or Social Science requirements. The changes are designed to "signal students that they should seek to complete the requirements sooner rather than later," said Strout.

An unfair restriction?

The original wording of the motion would have forced students to complete the requirements by the end of their junior year. Some faculty members, however, worried that such a requirement would be difficult to fulfill for students planning to spend their junior year abroad.

Roberta Krueger, Associate Professor of French, called the requirement an "unfair restriction." In response to Krueger's concern, the Faculty amended the proposal from "must be completed" to "should be completed" on a motion introduced by Robin Kinnel, Professor of Chemistry.

Writing intensive requirement

The Faculty also approved motions to change Hamilton's writing-intensive requirement and make referrals to the Reading and Writing Center binding. Presently, students "must pass at least one writing-intensive course in the first year and, between the beginning of the sophomore year and the end of the fall of the senior year, also pass at least two additional writing-intensive courses," according to the *College Catalogue*.

Strout explained that the change would "make it easier for students to complete the requirement" by allowing them to take more than one writing-intensive course during their first year. The change would require that "every student pass at least three such [writing-intensive] courses, each taken in a different semester."

Binding referrals to Writing Center

The Faculty also agreed that professors should be able to make binding referrals to the Writing Center and require students to seek "remedial instruction in writing...as a condition for completing the intructor's course," according to the motion.

Strout explained that the motion ratifies "after the fact, current practice." The change "is a way to get students to work on their writing more effectively," remarked Margaret Thickstun, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Reading and Writing Center.

Decision on new course form

The Faculty did not discuss changes to the college's course evaluation system. Last month, the Faculty agreed to abolish the current method of evaluating professors and polled professors on their preferences for a new form.

"The Committee on Appointments reviewed the poll and looked at models" for a new form, said John O'Neill, Professor of English and Chair of the Committee on Appointments. O'Neill explained that the Committee "hope[s] to have something ready for the Faculty" by its April 23rd meeting.

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The Faculty discussed graduation requirements in its April meeting.

College Looks Into New Dorm Furniture

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The college is currently considering the purchase of new residence hall furniture and has displayed a loft unit by the Dean of Students Office in the Kirner-Johnson Building. According to Rebecca Reed, Director of Residential Life, 99 percent of students filling out a questionnaire about the unit have responded favorably towards it.

Aside from replacing lost and damaged furniture each year, the college conducts an assessment of the furniture every five years. Most recently, the Residential Life Office has noticed a need for more durable and compact furniture.

Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant, has observed that furniture damages and replacement requests have increased drastically over the past three years. Both Hawkridge and Reed agree that the increase is due to normal wear and tear which might be prevented if the furniture was more durable and also better liked.

The separate bed, desk, and dresser units currently in use may also be inappropriate for college students' living habits, and as a result, college-owned furniture is often removed from the rooms altogether.

Hawkridge pointed out the tendency for students to want to "study in a common area and party in a private area." He said beds are often being replaced by lofts or fold-up futons in order to fit more furniture into bedrooms and leave more space for socializing in second rooms.

According to Reed and Hawkridge, moving furniture out of rooms creates several problems because storage space is limited and transporting pieces often causes damages. The college hopes that a loft unit, in which bed, desk, and dresser are connected, will suit students needs so that they will not want to remove it from their rooms.

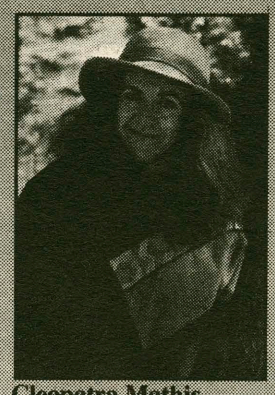
The furniture arrangement that was on display in the Kirner-Johnson Building is interchangeable and adjustable, consisting of a loft unit with bedframe and desk, a two-drawer file cabinet, a three-drawer dresser unit, a two-shelf bookcase, and a two-position chair. The furniture is made by New England Woodcraft Inc., a company in Vermont.

Hawkridge says the college wants to "get away from furniture consisting of particle board and laminated surfaces." New England Woodcraft, which supplies residence hall furniture to Yale, Bowdoin, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard, uses a water-base varnish which is attractive and more practical.

Deborah Boyce, Assistant Director of Administrative Services, said that Hamilton sought the company out not only because it offers high quality furniture, but also because the manufacturing process is uniquely environmentally conscious. Harmon Thurston, owner of New England Woodcraft Inc., explains that his company made the change from nitrocellulose to water-based varnishes for the safety and health of his employees.

News Briefs

Poet Mathis to Read Monday



Cleopatra Mathis

Poet Cleopatra Mathis will read from her work on Monday, April 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Dwight Lounge. From 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., she will also conduct a poetry workshop in the Dwight Lounge, at which students' pieces will be discussed.

Mathis is an associate professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program at Dartmouth College. Her poems have appeared in a wide variety of literary magazines and anthologies, and her three collections of poetry, *The Center for Cold Weather*, *The Bottom Land*, and *Aerial View of Louisiana*, have been praised by critics.

Many of Mathis' poems express the way the past and present influence each other and how "moments" of memory or present experience trigger reflections. Her poems also emphasize a sense of home and strong family friendship bonds.

Mathis won a National Endowment for the Arts award in poetry in 1985, has been a Yaddo and Frost fellow in poetry, and has won a number of honors and distinctions for her work.

Students Involved in 'Minor Accident'

What Kirkland police called a "minor accident" occurred this past Tuesday evening on Campus Road in front of Minor Theater. Michael Madero '91 was driving northbound when he thought he saw Vladislav Tsyn '94 heading towards him in the same lane, according to the police report. Madero said he tried to swerve to avoid Tsyn, but the two cars collided head-on.

There were no injuries, but both cars sustained substantial front-end damage, according to the report. Seth Cresswell, a patrolman from the Town of Kirkland Police Department responded to the accident, and no charges were filed against either driver.

Alumnus Featured in *Runners World*

Kenneth Judson '72 was featured in the latest issue of Runner's World magazine for holding the American masters (over 40 years old) record for the marathon. Judson was mentioned as having defeated such marathon legends as Bill Rogers and Frank Shorter in his age class. He set the masters record in the 1990 Rocket City marathon, when he won with a 2:17:01 time.

The magazine said Judson's daily training schedule includes runs of as much as 25 miles, weight-lifting and swimming. Judson, now an attorney in Pittsburgh, Pa., said his fastest time while at Hamilton was a 4:13 mile.

Thackeray Gag Fools Seniors

Members of the senior class recently received a letter requesting their advice on a yearbook dilemma. Apparently, the proposed $20,000 yearbook budget was "misinterpreted by the Publications Board, and we were allotted a total of $2,000 for our publication this year," according to the letter. The letter explained that "the confusion wasn't anybody's fault, and it is simply a shame that it wasn't detected when it might still have been remedied."

The letter proposed solutions for the misunderstanding, including printing and sharing twenty copies of the book, and "photocopying the parts we really care about;" printing the senior section by itself in the Red Weather format; cancelling some senior week activities to fund the yearbook; or combining the book with the class of '92's book. "Better ideas" were welcome and could be sent to Bill Thackeray '91, Roots in the Glen Editor. The letter concluded with a PPS message: "The time to get involved with Roots in the Glen is running out! Hurry up; it's already April 1st." The fine print below this read, "In case you missed the above line, IT'S APRIL 1st!"

"All I can officially say is that it was someone very near to the top...a person seeking their own identity within the arena of the yearbook staff," explained Thackeray. Jocelyn Meltzer '91 commented, "I totally believed it at first. I think it was an odd and eccentric act of humor which goes along with Bill Thackeray's personality. Nice trick Bill."

Arson Suspected in Utica Blazes

Utica Deputy Fire Chief Douglas Sardina told the *Observer-Dispatch* that Monday's four alarm blaze may have been set. The fire left seven families homeless and four people, including two firefighters, hospitalized. Investigators began a probe Tuesday to find the exact cause of the fire. A one year old boy was rescued by a firefighter and treated at a local hospital.

Panel Focuses on Sex and Gender

Christsa Ehmann
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday evening five scholars led a discussion entitled "The Development of Sexual Identity Seen from the Perspective of Different Disciplines." The Committee to Extend Human Rights [CEHR] sponsored the discussion, which is the second in a three-part series entitled "Same-Sex Love and Society."

The discussion was led by Margaret Gentry, Associate Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies, Susan Mason, Visiting Instructor in Rhetoric and Communication, Steve Brooks, Assistant Professor of Religion, Paula Rust, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Andreé Nicola-McLaughlin, Professor of Women's Studies. Mark Thompson, a representative of CEHR hoped, "the panel would help to further develop the Hamilton community and individuals by allowing professors of different disciplines to share their views on the development of sexual identity."

Sexual assumptions examined

Gentry began by focusing on conceptions of sex and gender, saying that it is referred to as a social and cultural aspect of men and women. "It is a representation of beliefs we hold to be male of female which determine our sexual identity."

Gentry examined the the "unspoken assumptions" about gender and identity and spoke of the lack of time society has to examine its actions. She stated that gender is inaccurately considered as two distinct, mutually separate opposites. By creating these sides, she implied, stereotypical ideas of the "weak" woman and the "strong" man have become prevalent in society. By making such gender distinctions, she implied, it becomes easier to make distinctions among heterosexuality and homosexuality.

Gentry said society considers heterosexuality as "normal," while homosexuality is looked down upon. She said that this society, in looking for causes and explanations for homosexuality, assumes that a "cure" for homosexuality exists, as if it were a disease. By accepting heterosexuality as the norm, society excludes people and looks for differences in partners and lifestyles, she implied.

Gentry concluded by stating, "I think psychology has conceptually tended to categorize how different we are, and therefore the similarities we share are clouded. Our thoughts about how we act towards one another are obscured."

Sexually communicate

Mason, the second speaker, focused on the importance communication and language have in awareness of sexual identity. "One of the primary social organizers is the 'self-concept.'" she said. "This is fundamental to the communication theory concept." When a baby is born, she implied, he or she is immediately conditioned to a heterosexual society. "Little boys are told not to cry just as little girls are told to play with dolls."

Mason said that through the conditioning, an individual's views about him or herself emerge and are reinforced by the surrounding society. Thus, she implied, gender consciousness appears and individuals begin to act in accordance to others expectations.

"Through books, television, teachers, parents, and friends there are distinct patterns which reflect the prejudices of the society involved and maintain them," she said. "Therefore, there are limits to our behavior options."

Sex and religion

Brooks examined sexual identity from the perspective of religious studies. He analyzed the cultural world of the Christian Bible and compared the role in the biblical world to the established cultural world today, highly influenced by Christianity. In the Bible, Brooks, said, neither sexual nor personal identity exists.

Brooks implied that the male sex once dominated the female sex and women were used as property and as a means for production. Male sexuality, he said, was associated with rape and violence.

Brooks said that "In Romans, Paul describes those who give in to the desires of their own sex and degrade their bodies as pagans. There exists a definite prescription against homosexual activity. The Bible derives its power from the fact that the words of God are revealed."

'Coming out' discussed

Rust continued the discussion by focusing on the developing of the homosexual identity and the "coming out" of homosexual individuals. Rust said that there are two parts to the process of coming out, by acknowledging one's own homosexuality, and by telling others about one's homosexuality.

The former only happens once, she implied, but the latter process occurs over and over again with each new situation and relationship in a person's life. Rust explained that an individual must come out many times because homosexuality is invisible, and people are unable to see if one is gay or not by strictly appearances.

Rust said another problem concerns gay individuals with heterosexual parents. From birth, she said, the individual is raised in a heterosexual environment and learns the norms of a heterosexual lifestyle. The dilemma occurs when "the individual realizes he or she is homosexual and must put him or herself into the abnormal category of society. One must then redefine what it means to be gay by destroying stereotypes."

Nicola-McLaughlin discussed the topic from a multi-cultural and cross-cultural perspective and dealt with general myths about homosexuality. She explained that anti-homosexual sentiments stem from the economic systems within the Third World countries. In a country which is agriculturally based, she said, the number of workers on the farm must be increased; there is no time for having relationships in which offspring and future laborers cannot be produced.

Nicola-McLaughlin said that there are lesbians and homosexuals everywhere, including Third World countries. National cultures have different definitions for belief systems including their own definitions for sexual identity. She said that a Western observer visiting New Zealand or Latin countries, for example, might be misled into thinking that many individuals are homosexuals; it is the accepted norm for them to hold hands or link arms. "The observer has blinders on and is influenced by the ideas of his or her own society and culture," she said. "We must not view the world strictly with the blinders of our own cultures."

On Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 in Dwight Lounge, the last part of the series will be held. Individuals from the Hamilton Community will discuss their gay, lesbian, or bisexual experiences.

Applicants Down for First Time Since '77

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women applying was similar to past years, although there was a slight drop in the number of women's applications.

Early decision, transfers

From the early decision pool, 139 students were accepted. These students apply early on the stipulation that they will attend Hamilton if they are accepted.

Letters to transfer students will be sent out in two and a half weeks. From a pool of 100, about 30 transfer students will be accepted. Financial aid decisions will be mailed out today.

Despite the drop in applications received, Thompson said the quality of students accepted has not lessened. About 30 percent of the students admitted usually matriculate at Hamilton.

Admissions process

The admissions review process is about three months long and Thompson said this year's decisions were completed more quickly than in recent years. The admissions staff consists of eight full-time employees.

Applications are reviewed by at least two people before they are presented for discussion at the admissions table. The first reader is an admissions officer who specializes in one particular area of the country. The second reader is either a faculty member or another admissions officer.

Thompson said the stereotyped image of an admissions officer staying up late at night beside a stack of applications is "not far from the truth," and even now that the decisions have all been made, activity in the office has not slowed down.

Admissions employees are busy scheduling tours, which Thompson said are the largest and most diverse they've ever been, and preparing for April 23-24, when 200 accepted students will be hosted on campus.

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Multicultural Strategy Planned, Minority Studies Stressed

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cultures."

She said that communication will be one of the several themes of the event. "That [communication] is the real issue here," she said. "There has to be communication between men and women, blacks and whites. All sorts of cross-cultural communication is what is important. We have to talk to each other and try to understand each other. No man is an island."

Johnson said that the idea for the conference originated from a similar function last year in Atlanta that specifically addressed blacks on white campuses. Hamilton's conference, however, will also address other multicultural issues.

The conference will feature several prominent speakers. Friday night at the Chapel will feature an address by Dr. Samuel Proctor, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University. Procter is described by conference officials as a "pillar of the academic and religious community."

On Saturday afternoon in the Chapel there will be a key-note address by Dr. Deborah Tannen, Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University. Tannen is the author of the *New York Times* best seller, *You Don't Understand; Men and Women in Conversation*. Tannen has also appeared on the *Today*, *Donahue*, *Oprah Winfrey*, *Home* and *McLaughlin* shows.

All interested participants can register for the conference next Friday and Saturday in Bristol Campus Center. Registration is free.

US Role in Post-Cold War Asia Examined

Jane Degenhardt
NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday night, Winston Lord, former U.S. ambassador to China, delivered a lecture entitled "The United States in Asia: Mission Accomplished?" Speaking in the Chapel, Lord suggested that the U.S.'s mission in Asia has not been fully realized, and he detailed the role that the U.S. must play in a post Cold-War Asia.

Lord began the lecture by stating that even though much of the world's attention has recently turned to Eastern Europe and the Persian Gulf, "the sun still rises in the East."

Reason to be optimistic

The former ambassador believes that the "mission" of the U.S. in Asia has not been accomplished, but he also believes that there is reason to be optimistic about the future of Asia. To begin with, Lord detailed the warming of relations between the superpowers, citing the relationships between the U.S. and the Soviet Union and the Peoples Republic of China and the Soviet Union.

A second reason to be optimistic, according to Lord, is that regional conflicts in Asia are becoming less frequent and peaceful resolutions are being sought. Lord noted the peace plan involving Cambodia and the reunification talks of North and South Korea as just a couple examples.

A third example is the current emphasis on the world economy. Lord stated that the U.S. does more trade with the Pacific Basin than with Europe, and that "the Pacific is the engine of global growth."

A final reason for optimism is the growing tradition of political pluralism in Asia. Due to the world economy and improving tele-communications, no countries in Asia can remain completely closed, and thus democratic reforms have to take place.

Caution is needed

Lord did, however, warn the U.S. and the world not to be overly optimistic about the future of Asia. He explained that, while superpower relations are warming, the future for Asian countries is not wholly optimistic. Lord gave examples such as the feuds between Japan and the U.S. over trade restrictions and nationalism, and the direction that the Soviet Union is heading towards.

Lord went on to state that, while regional conflicts are becoming less frequent, there still exist many problems. The Khmer Rouge, for example, is becoming a leading power in Cambodia.

To portray the downside of the economic argument, Lord spoke of the many trade disputes between Asian countries and the U.S. and said that the Uruguay Rounds appear to be failing.

Lord's final argument was that the path towards freedom and Democracy is difficult in Asia. Communist governments still exist, and these governments are very strong.

The post Cold War world

In suggesting how the U.S. should respond to Asian countries in a post Cold-War world, Lord believes said the U.S. must not become the "world's policeman," but should work with the United Nations to promote security.

He believes that the U.S. is making the right decision in reducing its armed forces in Asia, but not totally withdrawing them. The reasons for maintaining troops are to promote security and stability in the area, protect economic routes, prevent the Japanese from forming a strong military, and to promote Democracy and liberty in Asia.

Lord then went on to say that the U.S. must maintain its bilateral ties with Asia in order to promote debate about specific issues and Democratic reforms.

Finally, Lord stated that the U.S. must strengthen its ties with Japan. While he believes that the U.S. must become more competitive, he also thinks it is necessary for the Japanese to open more of their markets.

China's Importance

In conclusion, Lord discussed China's importance in the world, noting the size of the country's population, its U.N. seat, its location, its markets, and its technology. Lord believes that the U.S. should condemn China for the Tiananmen Square massacre, but at the same time maintain diplomatic ties with the country. A new generation of leaders will soon come to power within China, and Lord believes that these leaders will promote change.

A graduate of Yale University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Lord has worked in the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He served as ambassador to China from 1985 until the outbreak of the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989.

Lecture honoring Professor Lee

Lord's lecture was the first of the Edwin B. Lee Lecture Series, a new lecture series honoring a retired professor who was the first to teach East Asian History at Hamilton. Edwin Lee, Marjorie and Robert W. McEwen Professor of History, specialized in Japanese History, and after 29 years at Hamilton he became known as "Asian Ed."

When Lee retired in the spring of 1987, *The Alumni Review* paid tribute to his many contributions to the Hamilton community. Fellow faculty members admired Lee for his personal qualities and his academic expertise. Lee's scholarly publications and the effect he had on several students who entered careers in diplomacy have brought Hamilton to the attention of scholars across the country.

Middle States Team Praises Hamilton

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tional review process.

The team stated that academic program planning was "an area of unusual and special promise," expressly praising the creation of supplemental interdisciplinary programs and the planned creation of twelve new faculty positions to accomodate the 3-2 course load. They expressed hope that the additional faculty will lead to an increased participation in programs teaching "a knowledge of others" and "ethical issues."

They expressed concern that interdisciplinary cultural and gender studies be protected with the reduced course load. The faculty concerns about student course evaluations was also noted.

The Library staff was praised for being "well-motivated and capable" and the report stated that resources were strong in every area except in audio-visual materials. The team suggested the installation of on-line capabilities in faculty offices, and stronger support of the library's reference program.

In its assessment of student life, the Middle States team wrote that they were "very impressed by the vision and commitment to serving all students which are evident inthe new leadership of the Dean of Students Office and in the President's personal determination to emphasize excellence in this often-ignored field."

In the area of co-education, the team concluded that increased efforts have to be made to bring women to "full and equitable participation" in Hamilton. Suggestions included hiring more women faculty, improving classroom environment for women students, promoting social awareness, and "recognizing the linkages between the status of women and that of racial minorities and the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community."

The team also addressed the issue of Greek societies. They wrote, "The tension surrounding the discussion is so great that the Team believes that some clear resolution of the future of societies, and, if they are to persist, the College's relationship to them, is imperative."

Pointing out that the society debate is a phenomenon occurring at college's nationwide, the team took note of "evidence of the negative impact of societies at Hamilton....Even those who embrace the tradition of greek societies in our colleges and universities, or in some of them, may well question whether at Hamilton the divisive influence of these organizations can continue to be tolerated or can somehow be overcome."

The team urged the adminstration to more of a "hands-on" approach to the society issue. They applauded the Board of Trustee's commitment to work with Dean Coates on the future of societies.

Other areas assessed were the affirmative action policy, financial affairs, communications and development, and financial aid.

Tim Twerdahl '91, who sat on the Middle States Steering Committee, commented, "The report didn't tell us anything we didn't already know. The self-study process and the documents which the study generated helped us to learn where Hamilton is and where it should go in the future."

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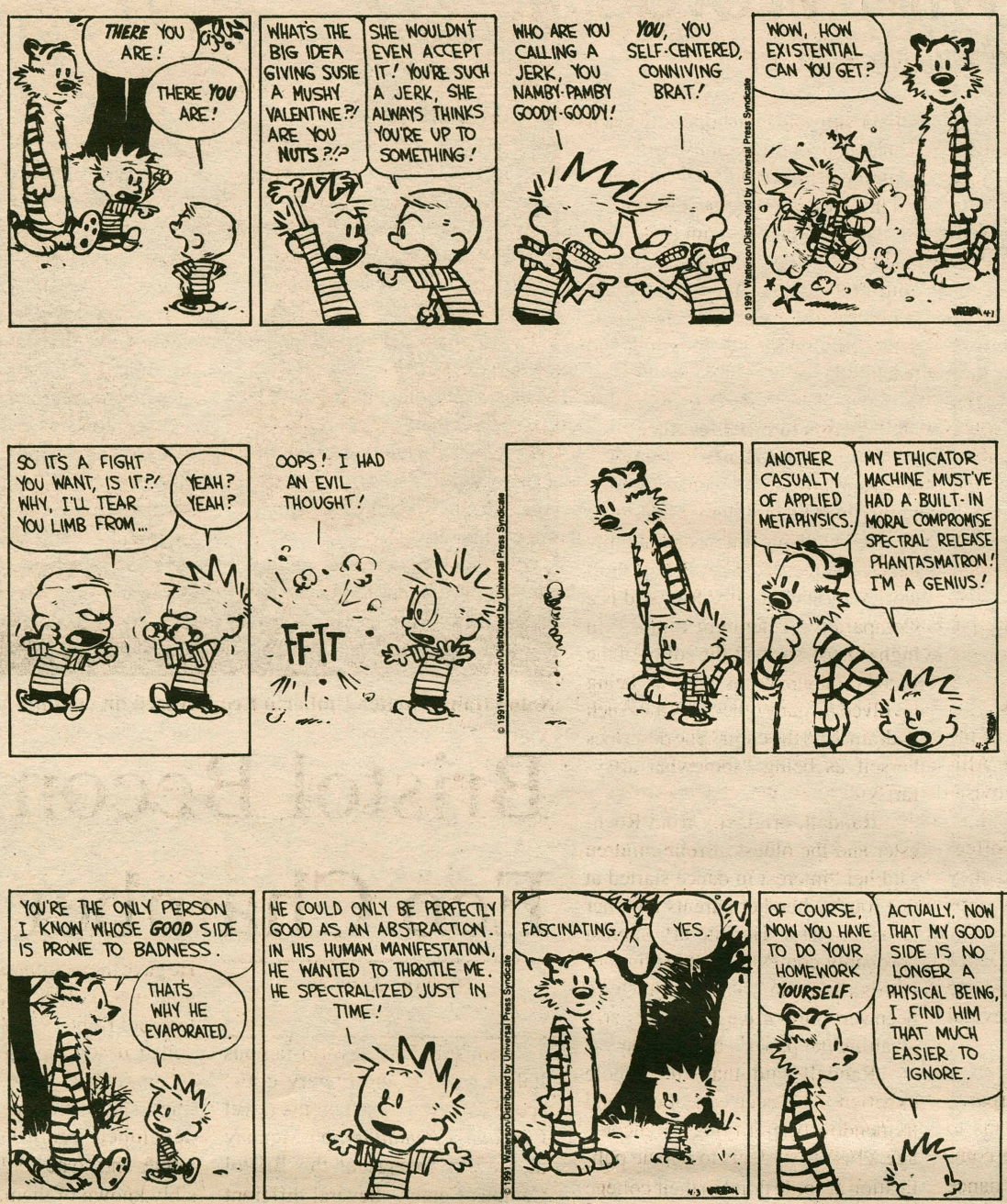
Pick up applications from the desk at Bristol. Applications are due back to the HAVOC office (third floor Bristol) by 4 PM, Wednesday, April 10. Interviews will be held the week of April 15.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THERE YOU ARE!
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YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW WHOSE GOOD SIDE IS PRONE TO BADNESS.
THAT'S WHY HE EVAPORATED.
HE COULD ONLY BE PERFECTLY GOOD AS AN ABSTRACTION. IN HIS HUMAN MANIFESTATION, HE WANTED TO THROTTLE ME. HE SPECTRALIZED JUST IN TIME!
FASCINATING.
YES.
OF COURSE, NOW YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK YOURSELF.
ACTUALLY, NOW THAT MY GOOD SIDE IS NO LONGER A PHYSICAL BEING, I FIND HIM THAT MUCH EASIER TO IGNORE.
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WELL, THAT'S THE END OF CHAPTER ONE. WE'LL STOP HERE.
NO, READ THE WHOLE BOOK, OK?
CALVIN, THERE'S A HUNDRED MORE PAGES AND IT'S LATE. WE'LL READ ANOTHER CHAPTER TOMORROW.
NO, NO! FINISH IT TONIGHT!
GEE, YOU MUST REALLY LIKE THIS.
I HAVE TO WRITE A PAPER ON IT TOMORROW.
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT IN THE RAIN?
I'M ENGAGED IN A CONTEST OF WILLS! IT'S ME AGAINST NATURE!
WHICH OF US IS GOING TO GIVE UP FIRST? IS NATURE GOING TO GIVE UP AND STOP RAINING, OR AM I GOING TO GIVE UP AND GO INSIDE? SO FAR, IT'S UNDECIDED, BUT I'M DETERMINED TO WIN!
KABOOM!
OOOH, BIG NOISE! YOU DON'T SCARE ME! KEEP IT COMING! I'M NOT GOING IN!
POOR GUY JUST COULDN'T STAND THE SUSPENSE.
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YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE NOTICED, HOBBES? THINGS DON'T BUG YOU IF YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT THEM.
SO FROM NOW ON, I SIMPLY WON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING I DON'T LIKE, AND I'LL BE HAPPY ALL THE TIME!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A PRETTY SILLY AND IRRESPONSIBLE WAY TO LIVE?
WHAT A PRETTY AFTERNOON.
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Quotable Quotes

"Great - I've got enough peer pressure, now I've got to spend the rest of my life living up to vegetables."

-Billy Uckhart, student body spokesman, on the use of cucumbers for condom demonstration in the New York City school system.

"I'll do it. I'm a very anal person."

-Kim Farish '93, volunteering to type out notes for her A.P.P. debate group.

"No big loss - I don't think they throw their hats in the dating pool anyway."

-Bill Stern '93, WHCL news god, after offending the Women's Center. Even if they do, you won't be swimming there.

"A little warm weather and people go nuts."

-Professor Frank Anechiarico after seeing Emily Beiles '91 and Ray Vincenzo '91 kissing outside his classroom door.

"I live in the Co-op and no, I don't smoke pot."

-Jessica Schneider '94, bucking the stereotype, daring to be different.

"Dear Classmates,

We have run into a serious problem in the funding department. Wheras it regularly costs in the area of $20,000 to print a college yearbook, our budget proposal was misinterpreted by the Publications Board, and we were instead alotted a total of $2000 for our publication this year."

- Letter from Bill Thackeray , Roots in the Glen Editor in Chief, to the Class of '91 on April Fool's Day.

"It depends on what night you catch him."

-Will Davidson '91 on whether or not Mike Madero '91 is single.

"I consider myself an atheist but having U.N.L.V. lose and Lee Atwater die in the same weekend makes me think that there is a god."

-Professor Robert Kurfirst in his Contemporary Political Theory class.

"You're getting more action than I am, Richard."

-Jen Hampton '91 to Richard Skinner '92. What a sad commentary.

"What I have to say doesn't merit you listening to me."

-Dyan Finguera '92 in her Leadership class.

"Athletic women must make better lovers - they've got muscles in all the important places, which is key for me."

-Richard Skinner '92 to Doug Goudie '91 during the Women's N.C.A.A. finals last weekend.

"They call it Passover because it's the day the Easter Bunny passes over all the Jewish houses."

-John Refermat '91.

"If you ever came over to my house and tried to date my daughter I'd burn the place down."

-Professor Warren Wright to Mark Berger '92 after he gave a particularly dull speech.

"And while waking up from my one and only experience with Sodium Pentathol, I discovered the secret of the universe."

-Professor Vicky Vernon in her Comparative Literature class.

"No, it's not the walk of shame, but more like the week of shame."

-Rhonda Bent '94 while hauling all of her luggage across the quad early Thursday morning.

"I'm the guy who's always on the lookout for incest."

-Professor Bill Rosenfeld.

Note: Upon investigation by our crack fact verification team, it was discovered that last week's DKE quote was not actually utterred by a DKE pledge holding a bottle of tequila, but rather by two H.O.S.S. members sharing a bottle of Cisco.

Features

Student Dances with Words

Tresa Randall '93 Publishes Scholarly Paper

CHARLES MOLESKI
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

An article written by Tresa Randall '93 will be published later this spring in *The Wittenberg Review*, an academic journal that covers several disciplines.

The article focuses on Ruth St. Denis, an early innovator in modern dance. Randall, a Dance major, has long been interested in St. Denis, who Randall felt "is only given credit as one of the first modern dancers when in fact her work deserves far more credit."

"During the early twentieth century, before there was a feminist movement and before there were studies in comparative religion, St. Denis was able to trace the portrayal of women in religion," Randall reflected. "She incorporated various religions ranging from Ishtar to Hindu deities to the Virgin Mary, and applied these heroines to dance. I attempted to shed more light on the significance of this woman's career and the importance of her work."

Originally written for Hamilton class

The paper was originally written for Hermine Williams, Visiting Associate Professor of Religion, who saw the potential for publication. As Randall explained, "Professor Williams was extremely supportive and encouraging through the whole process of publication. The following semester I took an independent study with her and worked specifically on refining the paper, getting it ready for publication. Without Professor Williams' help I would have never been able to get it published."

Randall said *The Wittenberg Review* was also extremely supportive: "Upon my original submission, they made helpful suggestions about a few necessary revisions that had to be made before publication would be possible. *The Wittenberg Review* was ideal, because it is a multi-disciplinary magazine and my paper combined several disciplines — dance, religion and feminism. They are also eager to publish undergraduate papers."

Dances in public places

Randall is also the Chair of the newly founded Student Dance Alliance, a group that does "improvisational dance in public places." Last week, they performed in the Coffeehouse during lunch time and they "plan to perform on the library steps as soon as the weather gets nicer."

During the recent Spring Dance Recitals, Randall choreographed one piece as well as performing in several others.

Will audition for dance company

After college Randall plans to "audition for a modern dance company and to continue writing dance scholarship and then hopefully teach dance and choreography which is something I have only recently gotten into but enjoy tremendously."

She continued, "I am also interested in the role of women in dance. Until recently women have been restricted to being dancers whereas men could dance, choreograph and teach."

Wants to mix literature and dance

Randall said, "I would also like to incorporate my literary and more of my academic interests into my dance interests." She writes short stories and poems "for fun" and is a Comparative Literature minor. In high school, she was the editor of the literary magazine as well as being involved in many other activities such as drama and the choir. She describes herself as being "somewhat artsy-fartsy."

Randall, originally from Rochester and the oldest of four children said her "interest in dance started at age four" when her parents took her to ballet class. Her literary interest "probably comes from [her] mother who is a librarian." Both parents "have been very supportive and are eagerly awaiting the paper's publication."

Randall said that "the whole experience has been educational and tremendously gratifying. I encourage all other students to pursue publication at some point in their college career."

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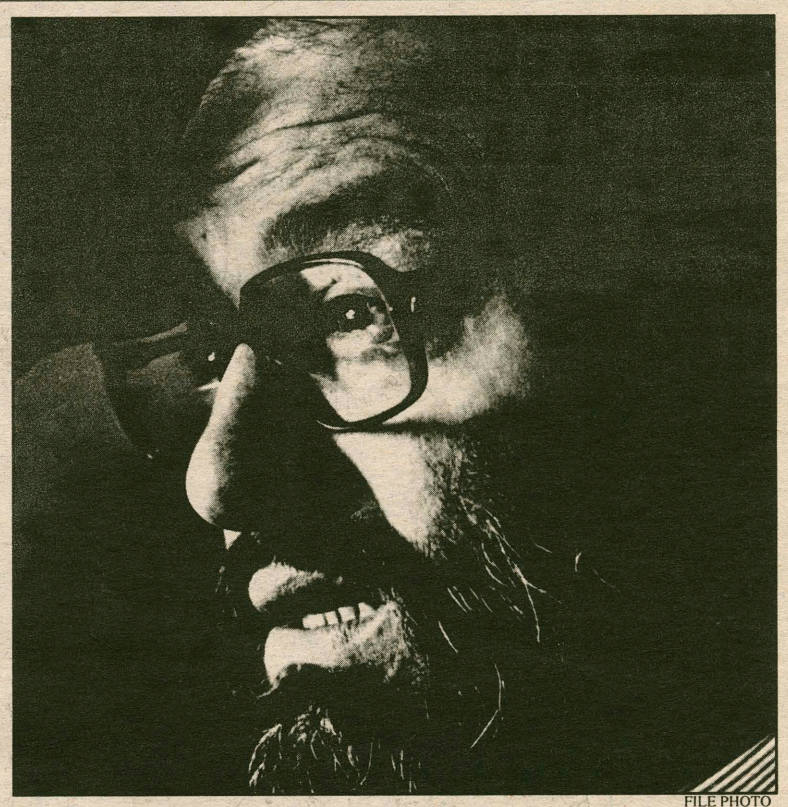
Tresa Randal '93 will publish an essay in the *Wittenberg Review*.



FILE PHOTO

Noted Italian writer Umberto Eco lectured on campus Monday.

Bristol Becomes Eco Chamber

RICHARD SKINNER
FEATURES EDITOR

Umberto Eco, a world-famous Italian novelist and literary critic, spoke at a conference on his novel *Foucault's Pendulum*, on Monday in Dwight Lounge at the Bristol Campus Center. Several different scholars spoke at the day-long gathering.

In Eco's speech entitled "Between Author and Text," he discussed problems of interpretation. He said he was in the "strange position of an author interpreting his own book." He had previously chosen not to speak about *Foucault's Pendulum*, and his other novel *The Name of the Rose*, but now he felt the need to explain the limits of interpretation of not only his own work, but of all literature.

Eco believed that authors should never interpret their own works and that "the game [of interpretation] is between the reader and the book, the author can retire to Florida." He further noted, "The intention of the author is irrelevant." . He drew a distinction between "noncreative" and "creative" literature. In noncreative literature, such as essays, the author is trying to reach a precise, reasonable conclusion. But the author of creative literature does not have to reach one conclusion and, in fact, has "a duty to keep silent" on the interpretation of his work.

Eco declared that "the rights of the interpreter have been overreached." In his first book, *Opera Aperta* (Open Works), which he published in 1962, Eco advocated open interpretation of literature. But in his speech, he emphasized that the text of a work establishes "a certain constraint" on the reader. Readers can make conjectures about the meaning of a particular work, but they must check them against the text.

Eco said that while it is impossible to prove that an interpretation is true, it is possible to prove it false. He gave the example of an interpretation, which had actually been offered, of Dante's *Divine Comedy* as a veiled description of the rituals of Freemasonry. He said that this was impossible since these rituals were developed centuries after Dante wrote, and so he could not have possibly known of them. This interpretation was too complicated and conjectory to be valid.

"We have to respect the text, not the author," Eco declared, since the author may write something of unconscious meaning. In such a case, "The author must surrender to the text," Eco explained. He gave an example from *The Name of the Rose*, when he added a passage to his manuscript without noticing a similar passage, and then realized its hidden meaning when a reader pointed it out to him.

Eco explored the varieties of incorrect interpretations of his work. Some relied on sources he had never read. Others overemphasized minor characters or insignificant sentences. Still others took passages out of context or were simply not supported by the text.

"I chose to set the reader free," Eco said of the title of *The Name of the Rose*. He had originally found it in a medieval poem, but admitted that it had so many meanings that it was difficult to stop infinite interpretations.

Eco discussed the topic of the conference, his novel *Foucault's Pendulum*. He felt that "paranoid readers" found unlikely connections in his work, relying on coincidences to explain their interpretation.

In an interview on Monday, Eco explained his academic and personal life. He said that he was happy to come to the conference, the first ever held on *Foucault's Pendulum*: "Some people are gathering together to discuss my work and it is my pleasure and duty to be here." Carl Rubino, Professor of Classics, who ran this

Please see **Eco** on p. 10

This Week in Hamilton History

JON BLACKWELL
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20 Years Ago

Associate Dean Hadley S. DePuy announced that the proliferation of dogs on campus and the increase in what he called their "gross antisocial acts" compelled him to take action. Henceforth, unlicensed dogs would be turned over to the Humane Society.

Three drunken Canisius College students stole a large mural painting valued at $12,000 from the Dunham dormitory. The painting was recovered and the three students were arrested and charged with grand larceny.

40 Years Ago

President Truman issued an executive order that extended the military draft but allowed deferments that would exempt nearly all college students. Hamilton students expressed relief at the news.

In *The Spectator*, baseball writer Larry Rouillard '52 correctly predicted that the New York Giants would finish first in the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers second. Of course, he could not foresee just how close the finish of the 1951 pennant race would be, ending with Bobby Thomson's epic home run.

100 Years Ago

At the funeral of Professor Ambrose Kelsey, who died on March 30, Dean Henry Darling delivered the eulogy. Two weeks later, Darling died.

The *Hamilton Literary Monthly* reported, "The measles have made their appearance on College Hill."

Wednesday Night Lives... So Far

Zohair Husain
Features Staff Writer

It is Wednesday night and you are stressed out because you are working on a paper which is due the next morning. You cannot seem to think straight and your paper is so dull, writing it is putting you to sleep. So, you get up and decide to go down to the Hub for some coffee and a possible stroke of inspiration from the Muses.

A band is playing at the Hub. You sit and listen for a while. You realize the music is great and you are relaxing. Then you look around and notice that there are only five other people enjoying the performance.

Interest in Wednesday Night Live seems to have declined in the past year. As some upperclass students have noticed, performances are now only held every other week, in contrast to two years ago, when there was a performance every week. Chris Gray '93, the director of Wednesday Night Live, named a few reasons for the decline in activity: "The budget for the Program Board has been cut, which becomes a problem when you're trying to attract bands and artists. It also doesn't seem logical to pay a thousand dollars for a band when only four people show up; you end up paying $250 per head."

But the problem is not entirely financial. As Gray pointed out, "When bands come here and they only find a few people actually show up to watch them, word gets out that there is not a good crowd to be found at Hamilton. It gets harder to find good bands who are willing to play for little money."

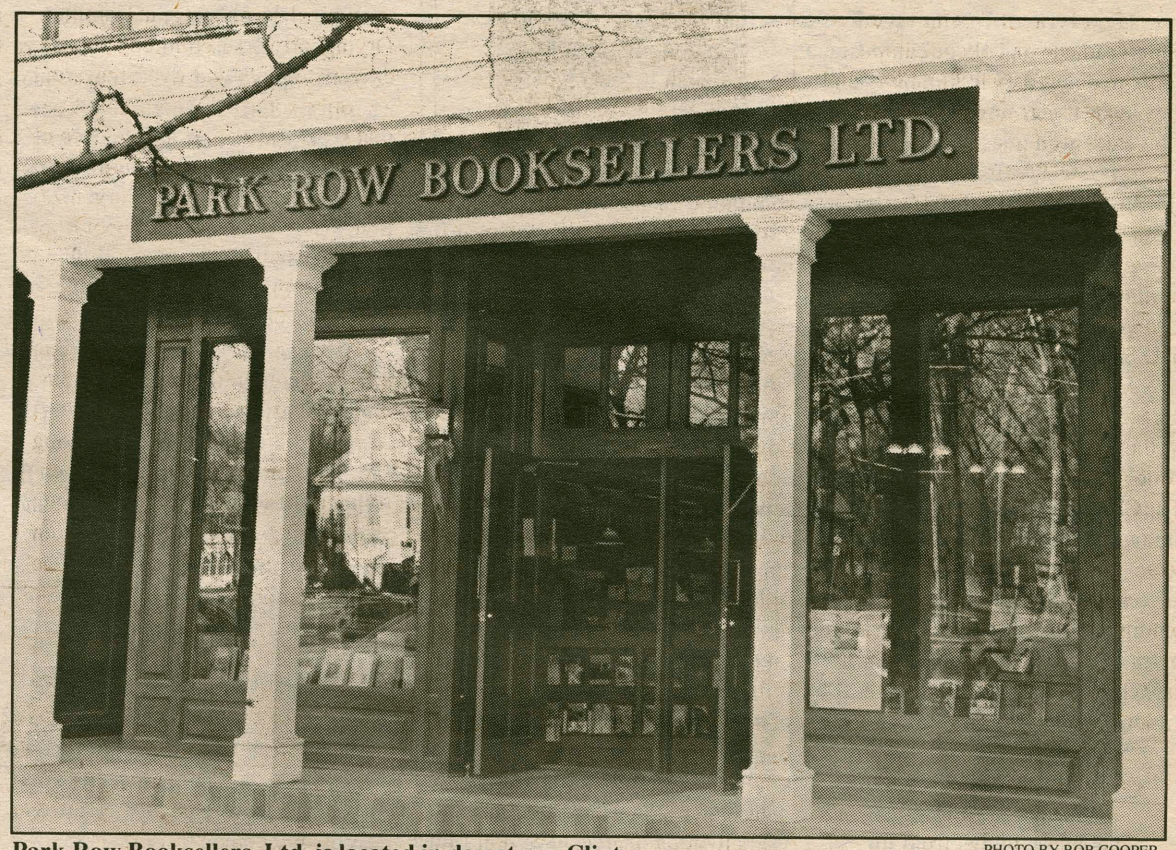
The problem is the low attendance and lack of interest in the program. Gray felt that this is because, "You can't satisfy 1600 students' tastes, regardless of who you get. I mean with the budget the way it is, we'll only be able hire mediocre performers. I have also been asked why I don't have the bands show up on a Friday, since Wednesday is a day when a lot of people are busy doing homework. The problem with weekends is that, bands normally charge twice as much on a weekend. Besides, Hamilton is looked at by many bands as a brief stop between two large performances or cities, where they can make some money and possibly gain some fans."

In the future Gray feels he can increase interest in the Wednesday Night Live program by moving the shows from the Hub to Commons or Minor Theatre. Both of these other locations have their problems, "I've been trying to get Minor Theatre but they won't give it to me, and Commons is a place where you eat and don't really want to hang out," he said.

Gray also wanted to engage more campus bands and thereby increase attendance. He reasoned that students are more likely to participate if their friends are performing, but in the past hiring campus bands has brought dilemmas of who should be paid and how much they should receive.

Clinton Corner

Park Row Booksellers, Ltd: It's More than Waldenbooks



Park Row Booksellers, Ltd. is located in downtown Clinton. PHOTO BY BOB COOPER

Richard Skinner
Features Editor

The first thing you notice when you enter the Park Row Booksellers on West Park Row in Clinton is that it is *not* Waldenbooks or any other chain bookstore in a shopping mall. Instead of nothing but the latest best-sellers by Danielle Steel and Judith Krantz, you find a wide selection of the classics and academic works. Rather than a cold, prefabricated interior, you find wood paneling and wicker chairs. Jazz, not Muzak, plays out of the speakers.

Even from the outside, Park Row Booksellers, Ltd. looks different from chain bookstores. With white pillars, a green nameplate above the door, and big picture windows filled with books, it resembles a little Victorian bookshop. Step inside the door and more pleasure awaits you. On one side is a wicker chair and two little baskets filled with copies of *The Spectator* and *The New York Times*. On the other, a wide brickface doorway opens into Cookware Etcetera, a store specializing in cookware, clothing, and assorted bric-a-brac.

A series of faux-wood-paneled bookcases stands in front of you, some with little green lamps. Similar bookcases with discreet subject titles in characteristic green print are attached to the side wall. Paintings and photographs by local artists decorate the walls. While the best-sellers have their own display in the front of the store, and you can even find trashy paperbacks tucked away next to the magazine rack, the heart of the store is what store manager Nanette Allen calls "quality books," both fiction and non-fiction, with much to delight both the scholar and the casual reader.

As you walk to the back, past the cashier, you find a rack of classical and new-age audio tapes and of videotapes of outstanding foriegn and domestic films. No Milli Vanilli or "Young Guns II" here. Next to this rack are the magazines. While you see plenty of the standards, you also see more esoteric magazines like *Foreign Affairs* and *The Utne Reader*, and plenty of decorating magazines devoted to rural life, such as *Country Living* and *Log Home Guide*.

Walk up the steps and head towards the back and you find more bookshelves and a glass display case filled with duck decoys, Oriental vases, globes, and assorted bric-a-brac. Turn to the right and there is the children's section. Peer over a bookshelf — and look! There is a mother and a father looking over a picture book with their little son. They are sitting at a short table made for children. If the parents want to look for something for themselves, they can leave little Junior at the table, where he can play with the toys left there for that purpose. You won't find that at B. Dalton.

Harry Wolfe, owner of Wolfe News Service (a distributor for magazines and newspapers), opened Park Row Booksellers about three-and-a-half years ago. Since then, it has had several different managers, with Allen being the most recent. Allen, who formerly ran Allen's Decorating Center, said that the store specializes in filling special orders for customers. "Our focus is being service-oriented," she explained.

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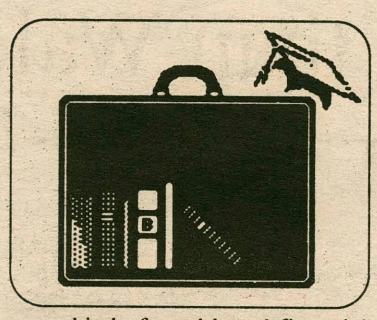

There's a different breed of undergraduate on college campuses. They're older, they hold jobs — and they take much longer to graduate than students a generation ago.

Less than half of students graduate in five years

A survey in the most recent edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* shows only 47.9 percent of U.S. students are graduating within five years, with some institutions registering five-year graduation rates in the single digits and Ivy League colleges in the 80-90 percent range. The Chronicle's numbers underscore studies by the government that show fewer than half of undergraduates are 18- to 22-year-old students attending school full time. "That is the myth of what a college student is," said Bob Atwell, president of the American Council on Education

Elite schools graduate students at higher rate

The latest figures from the National Center for Education Statistics show the number of first-year-students at public four-year institutions who graduated within five years dropped from 40 percent to 25 percent from 1972 to 1980. The number among private college students dropped from 50 percent to 46 percent. The graduation rate at elite schools is so much higher, educators say, because their rigorous admission standards select highly motivated students and high tuition provides incentive to finish swiftly.

Open enrollment holds down graduation rates

By contrast, many universities operate under open enrollment policies that "require the admittance of those who completed high school but are not academically able to immediately undertake college-level work," said Paula Knepper of the National Center for Education Statistics.

"We only admit students who are capable of doing demanding work," said spokesman Alex Huppe of Dartmouth College, whose 93.9 percent graduation rate was the highest recorded in *The Chronicle*'s survey. "We tend to take the financial pressures off students, because once they're admitted, we're committed to making it affordable for them." Half of Dartmouth students receive some kind of need-based financial aid. Tuition plus room and board next year will total $21,714.

More students hold jobs

Educators say financial difficulties sidetrack many students, and more undergraduates are holding down jobs than was true a generation ago. For that reason, students take fewer courses at a time because they balance their academic pursuits against family and work responsibilities. "These people are committed to getting an education, but it takes them longer to fulfill the commitment," said Suzanne Robertson of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, with a 40.5 percent five-year graduation rate. Their average student is age 26 or 27, and takes six years to get a degree. "We don't fit into the nice, neat formula."

Nor does the student body at Wichita State University, which has a 6.5 percent five-year graduation rate, the lowest in the Chronicle survey. "Our average age has crept up over the years," said Wichita State's Registrar Bill Wynne, who said most of their students take six years or more to graduate. "We've always had a pretty low graduation rate when you use traditional measurements."

Students "stop out" or reduce course load

Even students who come to college directly from high school and are not subject to financial pressures are stretching out their college years. Some leave — educators call it "stopping out" — to travel or get experience in their field. Some reduce their academic load each semester in order to ensure better grades. And technical majors like engineering students find it difficult to finish their complicated programs within four years. "These students are making their own determination of how long college is going to take," said Meredith Ludwig, research director for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

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Kids Frolic in Root Dorm

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The main floor lounge of Root residence hall in no way resembles the typical dorm lounge at Hamilton. Drying artwork, children's books, crayons, paints and dyed macaroni are only some of the commodities that set it apart. This is evidence of the existence of the Clinton Child Care Center, a non-profit organization, located on the first floor of Root residence hall, which offers children from 18 months to 5 years old a place to spend a constructive day.

The activities include reading stories, having circle discussions, experimenting with different art media, taking field trips and having fun. The center has a maximum enrollment of 36 children, with group size ranging from eight children in the youngest group to fourteen in the oldest group.

Hamilton students often observe and directly work with the children as part of psychology and child development courses. The children grow very attached to the student volunteers, as do the other workers in the Child Care Center, who find outside help a welcome relief.

The relationship the children have with the student workers is like one they would have with a big sister or brother. Michelle Thieme, the director, said the kids were very enthusiastic about having college students in the center. "The kids look forward to them coming, they remember their names, and know when they will arrive. They are very attached to the students."

When asked if there are ever any problems with the children's proximity to college students, Thieme said, "Not really. The students that are here are very receptive to the kids. Most of the students are excited about being in a dorm with kids around, but every now and then we encounter somebody who doesn't like the idea. But situations like that are far and few between. In general, students aren't at all bothered by the kids and they [the students] certainly don't cause any problems for us."

Florence Wilmerding '94, a student volunteer, found working with young children a relief from the pressures of school. "I love little kids. Their creativity and spontaneity are really refreshing."

As a place that strives to foster a child's creativity, the Clinton Child Care Center has all the necessary equipment for developing imaginations. In the company of college students, the kids also have an inexhaustible sibling-like resource that not only provides guidance, but also valuable entertainment.

Many local children spend their days at the Clinton Child Care Center.

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Mind Matters

Sleep Habits

By Adeel Hasan '93, Peer Counselor

Experienced researchers have said this about sleep: quality is more important than quantity. Many different activities compete for college students' time.. We often do not sleep as much as we should. While recovery from an occasional disruption is not too difficult, chronic lack of sleep is causing an alarming growth of sleep-related disorders on college campuses. Sleep is something basic to productivity and health. It merits closer attention it usually receives.

Get six to ten hours a night

How much sleep is appropriate? There is no simple answer to this question. Six to ten hours is recommended for college students. Consistently getting more or less than this amount is considered a symptom or cause of illness, respectively. Even with six hours of sleep a night, we frequently experience drowsiness. Individual needs vary, and you should not gauge your sleep habits by comparing them to those of other people. By trying out different schedules, you can find out the right amount of sleep for you.

Sleep more, stress less

Research has found strong correlations between short-sleepers and the so-called Type A personality (action-oriented), and between long-sleepers and Type B personality (less action-oriented). Also, short sleepers are five times as likely to have an eating disorder than people who sleep longer. Short sleep has also been found to increase the perceived level of stress faced in daily life.

Stick to a sleep schedule

Though sleep continues to elude our complete understanding, researchers agree on some general principles. They recommend a regular sleeping schedule to help keep our biological clocks attuned with our daily life. Our bodies can be disrupted if we follow variable schedules.

Don't sleep late on weekends

Researchers discourage getting up excessively late on weekends as this disturbs the steady schedule we might follow during week days. Naps during daytime or short episodes of nighttime sleep should also be avoided: they cannot replace the deep, restful sleep we can get at night.

How to handle all-nighters

Research has also shown that after an all-nighter, when dawn is at hand, our best bet is to stay awake and wait to sleep until the next night. This makes it easier for our bodies to adjust to the disruption. If your exam on the following day depends on your ability to memorize, you can get away with an all-night cram session. Studies show, however, that such habits detract from our performance in exams that require analysis.

How to fall asleep

By far the best indicator for going to sleep is feeling sleepy. If you do not fall asleep within 15 minutes, you are better off awake. One way to prepare yourself for sleep is to relax. Try to get your mind off the worries of today and tomorrow, listen to music, watch T.V. or imagine relaxing scenes. Activities such as arranging books for the next day, brushing teeth or setting the alarm also contribute in orienting ourselves for sleep

Do not "chow down" or "booze it up" at bedtime

Avoid heavy meals within two hours of sleeping time, caffeine within four hours (if not all together), alcohol (which would probably wake you up in the middle of the night) and excessive liquid intake during the evening which induces the need to get up and empty a full bladder. Sleeping pills or other over-the-counter medication should be taken only on a physician's recommendation. Such drugs can be addictive and merely make one groggy instead of inducing sleep.

Exercise early, not late

Exercise earlier in the day can also help you sleep well. A tired body and mind welcome sleep more easily. But exercise a short while before going to sleep doesn't help — increased metabolism and awakened bodily systems do not lead to sleep, but to keeping awake.

Darkness at midnight

The environment contributes as well. Make sure that your room is dark and quiet, adjust your pillow so that your neck is comfortable. If your room is cold, wear warm pajamas or use an extra blanket so your cold feet don't wake you up at night.

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Eco Lecture

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conference, had previously hosted a colloquium on *The Name of the Rose* at the University of Texas at Austin that Eco had attended and enjoyed.

Eco said that he had not discussed *Foucault's Pendulum* with anyone since its publication in 1988. "Now about three years later, I begin to have some enjoyment talking about it," he explained. "This [conference] has set me free. Every author is interested in what people have to say" about his or her work, he remarked.

Eco grew up in Alessandria, a small city in northwestern Italy, and attended the nearby University of Turin. He teaches at the University of Bologna, the oldest university in the world, which celebrated its 900th anniversary in 1988. He is married and has a son, who lives in New York, and a daughter, who lives in Milan.

> *"Everyone who is writing hopes to do something relevant. One must expect the judgment of others."*

Eco was a well-known critic and scholar for many years but did not start writing novels until he was 50 years old. One of his chief motivations for writing was that, after his children left home, he "had no one to tell stories to." He published his first novel, *The Name of the Rose*, in 1980. It soon became an international best-seller. "In this novel, I was putting into narrative the same problems I was confronting as a scholar."

Eco's fame sometimes embarrasses him. When he shaved his beard last summer, he was besieged with questions about the significance of this decision. "I just wanted to see my face again," he said. Frustrated, he soon regrew his beard. He has been coming to the United States every year, except last year, for the last two decades. "I like to come here," he said. He noted that he feels "completely at home" in New York City, perhaps even more so than in Milan.

"Everyone who is writing hopes to do something relevant. One must expect the judgement of others." He said that "it was a great suffering" to understand the meaning of his work. "I am envious of the self-confident," he commented.

Peter Rabinowitz, Professor of Comparative Literature and an expert in literary theory, said of Eco's thought on interpretation: "In general, I would agree with him. Nonetheless, it's very curious that he's willing to talk about historical forces as a constraint on interpretation, but he did not, in the lecture, conceive of the writer as a sum of particular historical forces." He said that he found "Eco's work very illuminating and very appealing." "I think [Eco] dehistoricizes too much and depoliticizes too much," he remarked. "I think the author has a greater role in the literary transaction than he was willing to admit [in the lecture]."

The conference lasted all day and included lectures by Rubino, Victoria Vernon, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Robert Artigiani, a history professor at the United States Naval Academy, Theresa Coletti, a medieval literature professor from the University of Maryland at College Park, and Alicia Juarrero Roqué, a professor at the Prince George's Community College in Maryland.

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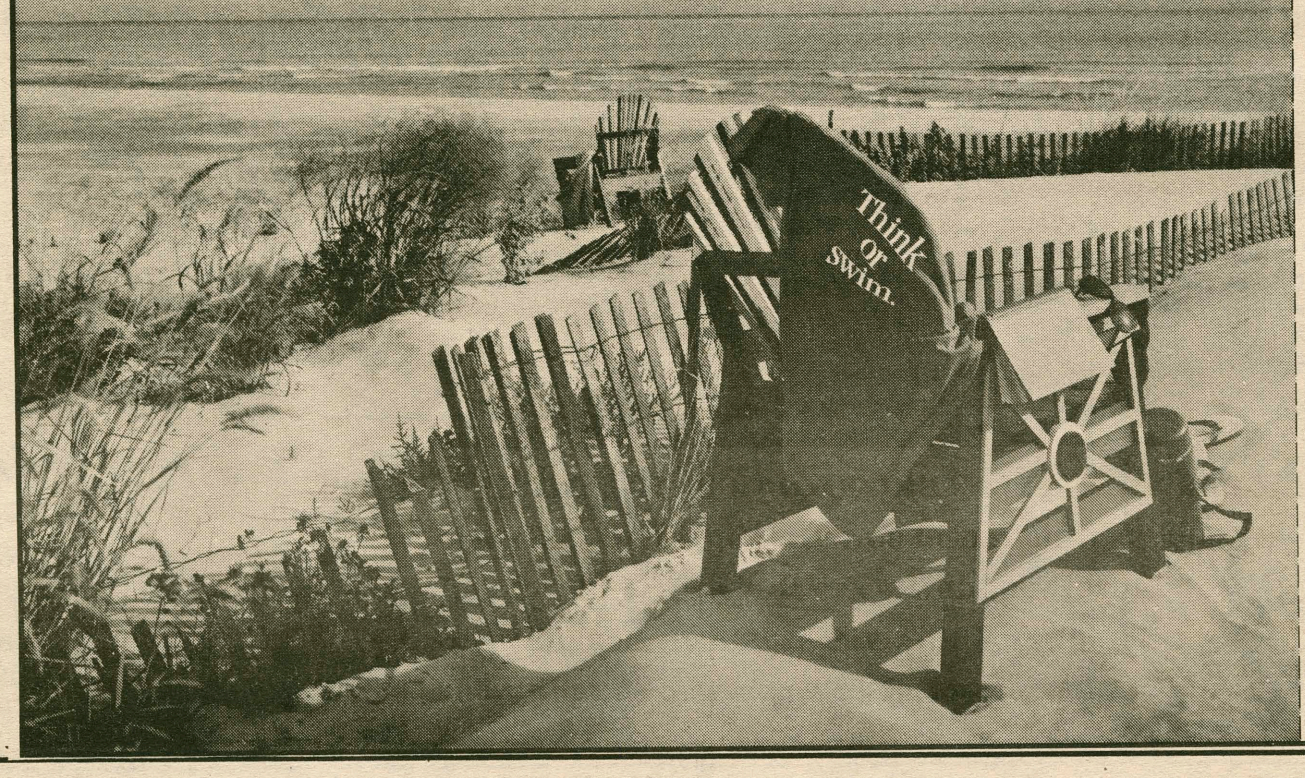

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Arts & Entertainment

New Music Progresses Backwards As Bands Recapture Acoustic Roots

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"Get back," said four Liverpuddlians a few years back. Now it seems that a sizable part of the New Music pool is taking that song to heart. A major trend that is emerging among forward-looking musicians is to look back.

Though acknowledging roots is nothing new to music, bands such as Philadelphia's Baby Flamehead and Yo La Tengo, who hail from Hoboken, New Jersey, have put a unique spin on the idea. There new albums *Life Sandwich* and *Fakebook*, are both all-acoustic albums. However, no one could argue that either of these bands are folky. Baby Flamehead is essentially a punk band; they play with the same cadences and style, right down to background vocalists who scream at the top of their lungs. But unlike your average punk band, there isn't an electric guitar in sight.

They do whip up a storm, though. Songs like "Thimble Full 'O' Nothin'" and "Stupid Surfer" are put across with "Clash-like" energy. The lack of feedback and amps allow the real, pure energy that the musicians are producing to come through unaltered. Chris Unrath slashes at his guitar like Bob Mould, but doesn't have wads of distortion to hide behind.

However, all of this wouldn't add up to a hill o' beans if the songs weren't up to the concept. Fortunately, they are; "Life Song" is about just that, and "The Ballad of Shatter Box Window" has a great melody which is sent to the heavens by vocalist Eden Daniels. Best of all is "Amy." The rhythm section of Andy Bresnan and Dean Sabatino brew up a galloping beat over which Daniels describes her friend Amy, who is well versed in love, psychology, and other matters. The chorus, however, lets Unrath and Bresnan tell what everybody *really* thinks of Amy: "Amy can make a sunny day grey/Amy can make everybody in the room leave," followed by the whole band singing and shouting, "Nobody likes you." It's a great friendship song, simply because nobody happens to be able to stand her.

Songs aren't a problem for Yo La Tengo, either. In addition to vocalist/guitarist Ira Kaplan's originals, which regularly achieve Lou Reed quality, the band has chosen to make *Fakebook* 75% covers. Though their last two albums trumpeted a loud Velvet Underground influence, this album shows that Yo La Tengo knows its way around a record collection. The songs here are all over the musical map: Kinks, NRBQ, Flamin' Groovies, John Cale, Daniel Johnston, The Flying Burrito Brothers are among the groups the band covers. There is no consistent theme to the sources, but each song sounds very natural. Only by checking the liner notes is is possible to figure out which 5 of the 16 songs are originals.

Even more impressive is that one or two of those originals are as good, if not better, than a good deal of the covers. When Kaplan and drummer Georgia Hubley harmonize the lyrics of Kaplan's "The Summer," they create the very real feeling of the summer coming undone and collapsing into fall.

There are two covers that seem to be very strange choices: "Barnaby, Hardly Working" and "Did I Tell You" can be found in their original versions on previous Yo La Tengo albums. The band gets to take the second crack at the songs that most

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Dogbowl Lures Listeners to An "Audible Playground"

MARC RUXIN
A&E STAFF WRITER

Music Notebook

If I could walk through a kaleidoscope to get to Alice's Wonderland, there would have to be certain sounds beckoning me to join that wild and wooly world.

Yesterday I heard those sounds, and soon after found myself in a hypnotic trance conversing with the Mad Hatter and sipping imaginary tea from imaginary cups. And to think all this happened on a snowy April day in the hinterland of upstate New York.

Those eerie sounds seemed to almost float off the vinyl of the new album from Dogbowl. Lately it seems that I look to the tiny New York City record called label, Shimmy Disc, more and more frequently for the visionary gems that sequent the garments of today's alternative music scene.

Once again, it is this label that has provided this zany new pearl found at the bottom of the ocean.

Cyclops Submarine Nuclear Captain is the name of this new cult masterpiece. Everything about this new album seems to be a modern day interpretation of The Beatles classic *Yellow Submarine*; from the cartoon cover art that spirals out of an enormous eye on the cover to the nonsensical lyrics that guide us through course of almost an hour of music.

Even the sequence of songs helps to convey the story of the voyage Dogbowl and his crew of merry pranksters take, as they weave a web through the mysticism of their subterranean adventure.

The *avant-garde* orchestra of Dogbowl features everything from the blaring brass which emerges periodically, to the quiet toots of clarinets and saxophones that help fill the already cluttered space. Don't think that the submarine theme is abandoned after removing the album from its adhesive jacket, because its hard to escape the torpedo sounds and sonar bleeps that infiltrate the restless unsteady waters of this album.

There is a unique kind of harmony that guides this album to its final destination at a "Shopping Mall"

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Cabaret

ELS Sets Stage for Annual Gala

KIP WINGER
A&E EDITOR

Among the many traditional annual events which the Emerson Literary Society celebrates, Cabaret is probably the most significant. The first ELS Cabaret took place over twenty years ago and has since grown into to a gala event.

Cabaret, as its name suggests, is a dinner-theater event, and it has been and is intended to offer an alternative to the "typical" Hamilton party. And few can argue that it does not effectively do this.

Since the event is so big, its planning stage begins over a month before the opening night of its two night run. Every member of the society must lend a hand; for starters, food and equipment have to be ordered, a liquor license must be obtained, acts have to be found and booked, and an advertising program must be initiated.

Alex Carrol, head of publicity, says, "Although it is a great deal or work, it is worth it. I look forward to Cabaret every year."

All this work reaches its climax on the first night of Cabaret, which this year will be the Friday, April 12. For those who have never been to an ELS Cabaret, the experience must be described.

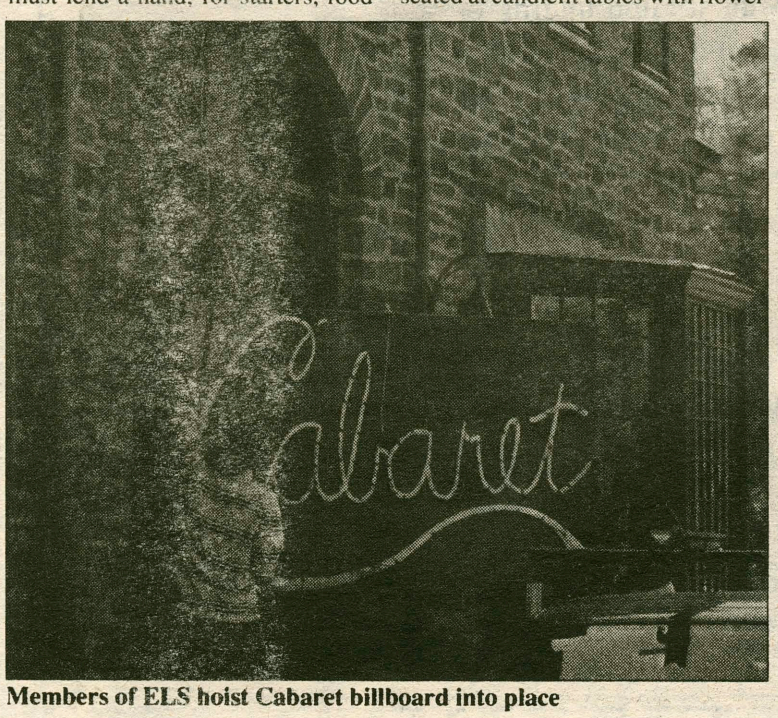
Guests are welcomed at the door under the lighted "Cabaret" billboard by ushers in tuxedoes. From there they are led into the ELS living room which, when decorated, is reminiscent of a casual nightclub. Guests are seated at candlelit tables with flower arrangements in the center, and there before the show begins may browse over the menus and decide on what they would like to snack. Waitresses and waiters are soon coming by to take orders and serve the food and drink which in recent years has included everything from nachos to chocolate cake. Then when the time is right, the M.C. comes on stage and the show may begin.

Cynthia Satloff '91, who has experienced the past two Cabarets, reports, "The atmosphere of Cabaret is what makes it so enjoyable. It has that hokey undertone, but is entertaining, nonetheless. Last year, I had so much fun that I forgot what happened. I must smile every year when that Cabaret sign goes up."

The main attraction of Cabaret is of course the show. In recent years, the program has been filled with a wide variety of musical acts and performances. The musical groups have ranged in styles from rock to folk and from jazz to classical. This year the music will be just as entertaining; many campus talents have been signed to play. This year, in addition to the music, there will be a comedy competition, and several funny short skits.

Bill Thackeray '91, President of ELS explains, "I like the performances a lot, because they are so varied and imaginative. This year I have heard some wild ideas for performances and I can't wait to see them played out."

All the proceeds from Cabaret are donated to charity. For information concerning advanced tickets please contact Neil Rankin at 859-1034 or Zohair Husain at x 4588.



Members of ELS hoist Cabaret billboard into place

Article Pick

"If you come by my licker-lacker, I will be panning in my funderwire."

Jennifer DePiero is this week's honored and esteemed *Article* pick. A first year, Jen is extremely interested in painting and creative writing and active in both fields. She intends to major in Creative Writing and minor in Art. On campus, Jen works at the Clinton Child Care Center, is a member of the GLBSA, and has served as the Managing Editor of *Red Weather*.

Likes: roommate, getting paint stains all over her body, toenail trimming, hot pudding and chocolate chips with tiny spoons, Stevie Knicks, Volkswagons, cooking, having someone put cream on her back, cherries, cheesecake, shaving cream

Dislikes: conservatives, eggplant with lots of seeds, the guy at the end of the hall, people who never change their sheets, roses without thorns (because you know, "Every rose has its thorn"), when it rains and the sun comes out, posters of people kissing at train stations

Favorite books: *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues, Our Bodies, Ourselves, The Joy of Sex, The Joy of Cooking, The Tao of Pooh*

Favorite bagel toppings: lox and scallion creamcheese, mozzarella and tomato sauce, real butter, peanut butter and M&Ms

Worst experiences skiing: getting stuck on a triple chair between two people who would not stop talking and had bad breath, loosing sight of family on the slopes of the Italian Alps, falling off a pomalift five times on one trip up

Favorite things to do in the rain: splash barefoot in puddles; sing, try to have a picnic, kiss

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where the crew will meet the love of their life after satisfying their man sized thirsts with an Orange Julius.

This album tells the magically real stories of the "Revolution of the Homeless," and the "Beautiful Trailer Park." "Flying Saucer Over Mongolia" is a silly love song about flying through time searching patiently for the a love that can't be achieved in one lifetime.

The "Silkworm Exploding" tells the tale of the sinking of Titanic without "even waving goodbye," but then transforming into a gigantic airship that now floats over the Manhattan skyline.

Dogbowl has a voice so pure and innocent that it is hard to bid goodbye to such a lovable fellow when each song finally concludes.

He is truly a charlatan of the most extraordinary kind, creating an audible playground in which everybody feels welcome. And so this modern fairy tale continues while making friends, cyclops and sailing railroad trains over the endless ocean's blue horizon.

It is rare to find an album that makes one feel so elated and has the power to once again bring us in touch with the daydreams of youth, but this one succeeds with all the colors in an infinite spectrum of colors.

So I only hope that everyone can one day find "an Apple Mary that makes you feel like candy when she kisses you" because everybody needs a little sweetness in their life once in a while.

Broadway Producers Sing A Sad Lullaby As Future Outlook Grows Worse

Edwad Hayman
Special to A&E

Is Broadway really dying? The evidence appears to be overwhelming. The litany of the industry's woes is heard everywhere—fewer shows, higher ticket prices, astronomical production costs and an on going talent drain, not to mention the relentless deterioration of the city in which Broadway is located.

Broadway is limping along, supported by a handful of British imports. And the prognosis isn't good. At the moment, slightly more than 20 shows are open on Broadway, and many of them are struggling.

The body count continues to rise. One extravaganza, the $5 million Shogun, died early. *La Bete*, a stylized, Moliere-like spoof of theatrical excess, was a noble experiment in theater without star actors.; it,too, failed. The spring infusion of new shows—including the eagerly awaitemight push the total to 25, depending on how many of the current offerings still are running.

This, sadly, has been the pattern in recent years. Producers rarely gamble with early season openings. The only guaranteed money-makers are the big British imports, with their high price tags. They've driven ticket prices up to a top of $60. They also have accounted for the bulk of Broadway's business. Without Andrew Lloyd Webber and British producer Cameron MacIntosh, Broadway would be in a much sorrier state.

By contrast, post-World War II Broadway produced 60 or more new shows every year. The straight play, which has become an endangered species on Broadway, had a fighting chance in those days, as Broadway gave the world Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, William Inge and Edward Albee. Today, only a handful of nonmusicals make it to Broadway. Those that do invariably must depend on star names above the title to stay alive. Even with the many discounts, the average ticket price, says the League of American Theatres and Producers, is $35. And yet there are pockets of resistance. The new Broadway Theatre Alliance,a producing group led by veteran producer Robert Whitehead, is experimenting with a scheme to bring ticket prices down to a $24 top price for nonmusicals that now cost as much as $45 to see. Stubborn independent producers like Ivan Bloch and Michael David continue to hear new hit musicals in their heads. The League of American Theatres and Producers is planning a national celebration of Broadway for the 1993-94 season. But will there be anything to celebrate? "Will Broadway die? Nah!" says Bloch in his Birmingham, Michigan office, his two Tony awards shining in the window behind him. "As long as the theaters are there, there will be a Broadway. Somebody will put something in them. I'll put something in them."

"There's a new generation of producers," says Michael David in his New York office. "We're not just landlords. We cut our teeth in the regional theater. We're going to make a difference." Robert Whitehead has been producing Broadway shows since the 1940s, including *The Member of the Wedding*, *Bus Stop* and *Desire Under the Elms*.

"We (the American theater) had a real world influence at one time," he says. "What American playwrights wrote had reverberations in all the capitals of the world. It meant something. We can make that happen again."

"We've taken about 20 years to reduce our audience, and we can't heal that overnight," he says. The Broadway Theatre Alliance, for which Whitehead is the chief spokesman, is an experimental program in which both unions and artists agree to take paycuts in order to bring down production costs—which can exceed $1 million for even the most modest play—and ticket prices.

The big three operators of Broadway theaters—the Shuberts with 17, the Nederlanders with 10 and Jujamcyn with five—have donated one theater each in which a play will be produced under the new funding formula. Prices are $10 to $24.

Whitehead says that in the old days investors in successful plays could expect to get their money back in four to 10 weeks, and then start reaping profits. Now, he says, it can take years. Under the new plan, investors can expect to get their money back in about 10 weeks. The plan won't apply to musicals, the industry's bread and butter.

Bloch—who produced *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *The Real Thing*, *Hurley Burley* and the musical *Baby*—complains that the fantastic price tags of the British imports are, at least in part, the result of bidding wars.

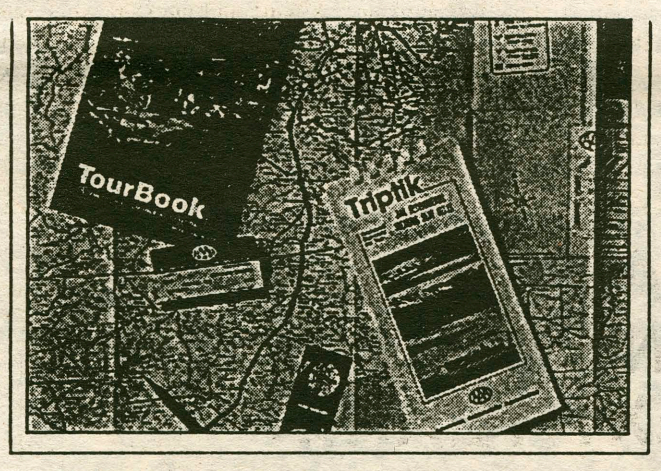
"They (the big three) send their people over there and make huge bids for Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest. The rest of us (the independents) can't compete with that," he says. "A few people have control of Broadway now, and what they have control of is less and less." At the same time, the number of good new U.S. musicals produced every year is embarrassingly small, and despite the grand dreams of independent producers, there's no reason to think that's going to change any time soon.

Last season, two U.S.-made musicals were hits, and still are running. But *Annie 2*, the long-awaited sequel to *Annie*, flopped in its Washington, D.C., tryout. Other promising projects, like *Nick and Nora*, John Kander and Fred Ebb's musical version of *The Thin Man*, are still on the drawing boards, too.

Two more new musicals are slated to open this season: T*he Will Rogers Follies*, by Cy Coleman, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, and *The Secret Garden*, based on the 80-year-old novel, with book and lyrics by Marsha Norman.

David predicts that the next generation of Broadway composers will be discovered outside the traditional realm of the theater. "That's already happening," he says. "Roger Miller (who wrote the score of *Big River*) is the role model, and he's at work on another one." The U.S. musical of the future will be "a chamber musical by today's standards," says David. "Something with a cast of under 20, something you can bring in for a couple of million dollars."

"I'm optimistic about the future," says David. "We're still a young country, and we're still trying to figure out where theater fits in our culture. Will it ever be the leader it used to be in our intellectual life? I don't know. But we're going to keep trying."



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Big Name Artists Arriving to Jazz Up Wellin Hall

Rebecca Downing
A&E Staff Writer

The New Jazz Network tour, a two-week, five-concert series presented by the Department of Music, will commence this week in Wellin Hall. On Wednesday, April 10, Craig Harris & Tailgater's Tales and Lenny Pickett & the Borneo Horns will give a joint concert at 8:30 p.m. Don Cherry & Multikulti will perform at 8:30 on Thursday, April 11.

Trombonist Craig Harris of Craig Harris & Tailgater's Tales

Harris, a trombonist, came to jazz relatively late, after exploring rhythm and blues with local bands. He later worked with such musicians as Sun Ra, Abdulla Ihbrahim, David Murray, and Henry Threadgill. Harris combines his frank, athletic solo work, which has garnered critical acclaim, with densely layered sound produced on such instruments as the primitive dijiridoo (an aboriginal log horn) and high tech synthesizers. Tailgater's Tales, founded in 1986, is devoted to jazz and structured to encourage solo improvisation.

Saxophonist Lenny Pickett joined the legendary Tower of Power at the age of 18. His versatility and eclectic interests are reflected in even a random sample of artists with whom he has worked: from popular musicians like David Bowie, Talking Heads, and Paul Simon to filmmaker Andrew Horn, performance artists Laurie Anderson and Scott Johnson to choreographers Charles Moulton, Stephen Petronio and Bebe Miller. He has played with the Big Apple Circus Band, and is currently both saxophone soloist and arranger for *Saturday Night Live*.

Picket's musical background ranges from rock, rhythm and blues, swing, and funk to more traditional jazz and *avant garde* influences. In addition to the saxophone, he also performs on clarinet and the unusual Sorouszaphone, a 19th-century cross between a saxophone and a bassoon. His band, The Borneo Horns, has an unusual lineup of three horn players and a drummer; the group fuses several traditions to a striking effect likened to a combination where Bach, Charles Ives, Steve Reich, and King Curtis collaborated on Balinese dance troupe music to be performed by World Saxophone Quartet.

Don Cherry & Multikulti, who will perform the second concert on the network, explore the global musical influences by which the artists have always been fascinated. Cherry was a pioneer in the world music movement, exploring the cultural cross breeding more recently popularized by Peter Gabriel, David Byrne, and Paul Simon. He has studied indigenous music all over the world and has fused these diverse heritages—in addition to such homegrown influences as Billie Holliday, Johnny Otis, Charlie Parker, Dexter Gordon, and The Platters—into his own unique sound.

Cherry has worked with such artists as Ornette Coleman, Albert Ayler, Gatoi Barbieri and Lou Reed. Multikulti features Peter Apfelbaum on tenor saxophone, keyboard, flute, and percussion, Bo Freeman on bass, and Hamid Drake on drums and tablas.

Horn player Don Cherry of Don Cherry & Multikulti

Co-sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center in Buffalo, the 21-concert tour will stop in Clinton, Ithaca, Buffalo, and Huntington after opening in New York City's Town Hall.

Saxaphonist Lenny Pickett of Lenny Pickett & the Borneo Horns

"Jazz is America's own music, and the state of jazz in the 1990s is extraordinary," said Jonathan Goldberg, who is heading the project for NYSCA. "We want to show people the remarkable changes in the art over the years and the creative energy of its artists. Given the breadth and importance of the talent, exposure of both artist and audience should not be limited to small clubs, where conversation, drinking, and smoking often relegate the music to the background. This is music that should be attended to."

Additional funding for the New Jazz Network tour is provided by *The Buffalo News*, the Natural Heritage Trust, the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust, Meet the Composer, USAir, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

General admission tickets are $10; students, $5; Hamilton students, $3. Tickets for the entire series are $25, general; $10, Students; $5; Hamilton Students. The other concerts in the series include Jerry Gonzalez & the Fort Apache Band on Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m., Sun Ra & His Arkestra on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m., and the Geri Allen Quartet and Geri Allen with Dewey Redman on Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. More information about the series and/or reservations may be obtained by calling 859-4331.

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musicians begrudge themselves. They are not totally successful, however, as "Barnaby" was better in its electric version. "Did I Tell You," on the other hand, actually gains from the strip-down, containing more fleshed out emotion in its new rendering.

Again, the instrumentation is simple and acoustic. Only Dave Schramm's steel guitar is electric, but it serves only to accent the subtleties of the songs. Yo La Tengo has also found the perfect way to "get back" in going acoustic. While many bands pay tribute to their influences with personalized rearrangements, Kaplan and Co. are celebrating each song by just playing the *song*, knowing that each one can stand up on its own merits.

Not everybody has chosen to get back by going acoustic. Since the release of the Neil Young tribute *The Bridge* in 1989, a deluge of similar albums has followed. To recap, a tribute album is a collection of one musician's songs covered by a variety of performers, presumably to repay some influential debt.

One such album is *Where the Pyramid Meets the Eye*, which pays homage to drug casualty Roky Erickson. Erickson was an original member of the legendary 13th Floor Elevators and went on to an even more warped solo career. He believed strongly in the idea that psychedelic music would allow him to see things beyond what the rest of us could. He was also convinced that he was an alien from Mars and filled his solo work with horror movie and sci-fi images.

Though it's questionable how much influence Erickson had on some of the groups that get in line to honor him, the overall result is one that works more often than not. Project supervisor Bill Bently, a long-time fan of Erickson's, has wisely included a healthy selection of recognizable bands, such as R.E.M., ZZ Top, and The Jesus and Mary Chain, who serve to lend credibility to the lesser-known Erickson.

Once the listener gets pulled in to hear these bands, he or she is doubly rewarded. First, Erickson's considerable talent as a songwriter emerges, from the simple surf-style horror songs to the more complex love songs. From "Red Temple Prayer (Two-Headed Dog)," performed by Sister Double Happiness, to Bongwater's reading of "You Don't Love Me Yet," the melodies are strong and the words effective and affecting.

The second strength of the album is the exposure that it gives to presently unrecognizable bands. ZZ Top fans probably have never heard of Thin White Rope or Erickson's sometime sideman Doug Sahm, but they will probaly want to go back for more. Other bands like the Judybats and the Lyres stand to benefit from their strong appearances on the album, while performers like ex-television guitarist Richard Lloyd can test the waters for possible return projects.

Everybody wins here, especially the listener. On all of *Life Sandwich*, *Fakebook*, and the Erickson tribute, record buyers can find an alternative to "Layla"-heavy classic rock radio and the next 60s renunion album. They're all great ways to sit back, tune in, and get back.

Students Highlight Recital in Schambach

Rebecca Downing
A&E Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 6 at 8 p.m., clarinettist Jennifer Creem '92 and soprano Miriam Kornhaber '91 will give a recital in Wellin Hall.

The program for Saturday's concert contains a wide variety of musical styles. Creem and Kornhaber will play three German songs by Ludwig Spohr: *Sei still mein Herz*, *Wiegemlied*, and *Wach auf*, accompanied by pianist Don McMahon. Kornhaber will sing *Parto! Ma tu ben mio* from Mozart's opera *La Clemenza di Tito*, an aria for voice, piano, and clarinet obbligato. Grace Kim '94 will accompany Kornhaber in the Mozart aria and in two Handel arias—*Ah! Spietato!* and *Come and trip it*. Creem will perform Brahms' *Sonata in E flat Major* for clarinet and piano, Don McMahon accompanying.

Ms. Kornhaber, a Music major and studio Art minor, has studied voice with Lauralyn Kolb for four years. She participates in the College Choir, College Hill Singers, Oratorio Society, and is musical director of the Hamiltones. Last winter she performed in Hamilton's production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Ms. Creem, who has played the clarinet for eleven years, currently studies with Barbara Rabin. During the summer she plays in the Windham Concert Band in eastern Connecticut. On campus, she participates in the Woodwind Ensemble, the College Orchestra, and has sung in Oratorio Society. A music major with a biology minor, she plans to go to medical school.

There is no admission charge. More information may be obtained by calling the Department of Music at 859-4331.

Women's Film Society

April 3: *Metropolitan Avenue*
April 4: *The Ultimate Test Animal Sudden Changes: Post Hysterectomy Syndrome*
April 11: *Holy Terror Rape/Crisis*
April 18: *Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community*
April 25: *Voices of Sacrifice*
May 2: *Betty Blue*
All films show on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Auditorium

First Fierce Cheescake Contest

The first annual "Grab A Brew With Chuck and Stu" Cheesecake Competition was held in front of Minor Theatre yesterday. There was a large tunrout both in terms of contentestants and in ters of spectators. Of the six competing cakes, Kerri Harrington's (bottom left) was judged the best.

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The Big Bad Wolf is extinct. Good wolves, start howling. Thanks to Kevin Costner—who put the endangered animal in star's clothing with his Oscar-winning *Dances With Wolves*—the formerly reviled predator is getting its due. "People have become more aware that the wolf is an important native American species," says Lisa Swann of Defenders of Wildlife. "It ranks up there with the bald eagle as a symbol of our country." *Dances* is the tip of the tail, though.

In music, two new rock bands, Cry Wolf and Company of Wolves, have albums out. Don't forget Wolfgang Van Halen, newborn son of guitar god Eddie Van Halen and actress-wife Valerie Bertinelli. And musicians worldwide are honoring Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart this year, the 200th anniversary of his death.

At the movies, one of new creatures in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II* is Rahzer the wolf. Disney brings out Jack London's wolf-dog adventure *WhiteFang* on video in June.

As merchandise, the latest *Defenders* magazine has its biggest offering ever of wolf-related items. "Our Exxon Valdez poster is on sale, but our wolf poster is hot," says Swann.

On TV, CNN's Wolf Blitzer lived up to his name during the Persian Gulf War. Also on the tube frontier: Wolf Larson, syndicated TV's new Tarzan. Blizter is tickled by the blitz of attention. "My old friends say they knew Wolf Blitzer before he was Wolf Blitzer."

He now gets letters from pregnant fans having baby Wolves. Also pleased with the wolf's new status is Hank Fischer, who is working on restoring wolves to Yellowstone. (U.S. wolves are found in significant numbers only in Alaska and northern Minnesota.)

What to do if you come face to muzzle with a wolf? Says Fischer: "Don't act scared, and count yourself lucky. Most will scoot away before you get a chance to see them."

Sports

Men's Track Rips Union In Season Opener

The "Running Continentals" sweep the points in 8 of the 19 events in a 121-39 rout

Scott Shipley
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

When you thoroughly defeat an opponent in the sport of track and field, it is hard to determine what led to the victory. To the joy of Hamilton fans everywhere, the Continental Men's Track spring season got under way impressively with such a crushing of its cross state rival, the Union Dutchmen. The final tally on points was Hamilton 121, Union 39. Hamilton won all but 5 of the events, and swept all the possible points in 8 of the 19 events.

In the field events the Continentals were particularly dominant as they swept most of the events. Lynwood Stagg '92 led the Continentals in the hammer throw with a toss of 43.03 meters, and was followed by Jack Fortney '94 and E.J. O'Donoghue '93. Another sweep came in the high jump, where first and second place were taken by Christian Falkenburg '92 and Scott Dorrity '93 respectively. Hamilton also swept the long jump and the triple jump. Jason Tremlett '93 won the long and placed in the triple, which was won by Desmond "the Demon" Bailey '94.

On the track, Hamilton swept the 400 meter dash, with Senior Sean Epps leading the way, closely followed by Scott Shipley '93, and captain Dan McElhinney '92. Soon after, the 800 was swept. David Boynton-Fisher '93, a first time track runner, won in 2 minutes 4.9 seconds, followed by Jason Rinsky '94, and Mark Stanek '92. Hamilton's 400 meter relay was also victorious in a time 45.0 seconds. Joe Salvatore '94 and Ted Collins '93 swept the 3000 meter steeplechase, with Salvatore wining in 10:58.5.

Hamilton cleaned up on a lot of points elsewhere thanks in part to Chris Wheeler '92, Eric 'the Ghost'

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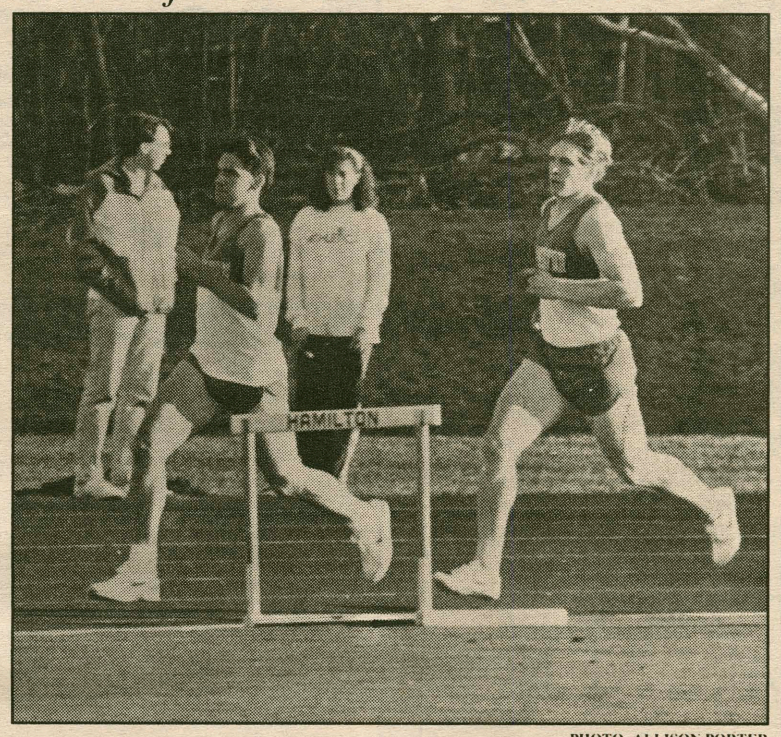

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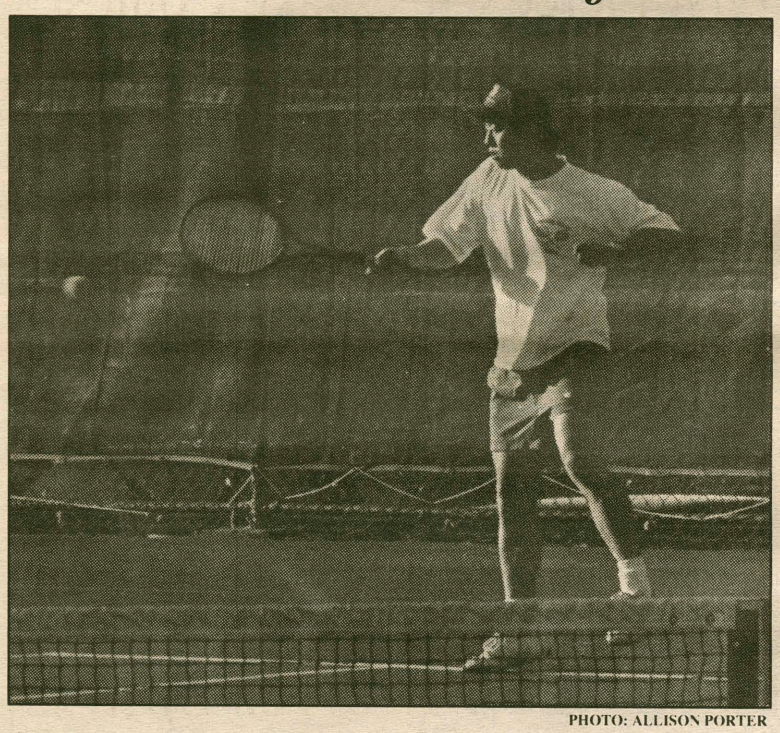
Jason Rinsky and Dave Boynton-Fishertore up the track on Wednesday

Tennis at .500 After 5-4 Win Over Union



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Julian Paik blasts the forehand back at his opponent, Union's Polites, in Wednesday's match. Paik won a real battle (7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (5-7), 7-5).

Dave Paget
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The past week has already proven to be the climax of the tennis season for the Men's Tennis team. The team suffered its first loss at Ithaca and earned its first victory at home against Union. Both matches were so close that the final matches played were the deciding in each meet. Although the team lost a very difficult match against Ithaca on Thursday, they proved their ability to bounce back with a win against Union on Wednesday. Their resiliency could prove essential later on in the season, and could be a key to a winning season.

Last Thursday the team opened their season away at Ithaca. The team fell short of the victory by one game, losing 5-4 to Ithaca. The only winners were Isik Okte (#1 singles), Captain Dan Burke (#3 singles), Greg Hills-Okte (#1 doubles), and Mark Doehla-Burke (#2 doubles). Highlights of the meet were freshman Isik Okte's first victory as the number one singles player, and a win by the freshman duo of Isik Okte and Greg Hills, playing in the number one doubles position. A key factor in the team's loss was the wind. Okte explained, "We could have pulled out the meet if there was no wind. It was very hard to play outside in the wind because we are so accustomed to playing indoors."

On Wednesday, the wind was no factor as the team posted its first victory. The team hosted and beat Union 5-4. The winners were Isik Okte (#1 singles) who maintained his perfect record improving to 2-0, Greg Hills (#4 singles), Julian Paik (#5 singles), Andy Wittenberg (#6 singles), and Mike Casstevens- Paik (#3 doubles). For the second time this season, the match rested squarely on the shoulders of Mike Casstevens

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Men's Lax Stings Rochester Yellow Jackets, 8-4

Chris Rockwell
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Continental Lacrosse is back! After months of training in the field house, the Continentals are ready to return to their home on the William Delos Memorial Field. After a disappointing season last spring and the loss of key senior players, Coach Von Schiller was presented with a period of pre-season rebuilding. After months of practicing indoors, Coach Von Schiller, assisted by Coach Shoen has built a formidable '91 Continental Lacrosse team.

Attack has always been a threatening force for the Continentals and with a strong pre-season record under their belts, this year's attack proves to be the best that Hamilton has seen in many years. Returning from last season is the leading assist man, Sam Kosoff, and the threatening crease man, Jamie Anders. The finishing element to this devastating attack is the high powered scoring threat, John Neuwirth. This combination adds an element to the attack that has eluded the Continentals in the past: each one poses a threat to the opposing team. Like a fine tuned machine, this threatening threesome dismantles defenses with speed and excellent stick handling. Along with the seasoned veterans, the attack is also stacked with first years Famigletti, Biggs, and Otto all of which fortify the attack.

Yet, the Continental threat does not end with the attack. The middies will prove to be an offensive threat this year as well. With the return of Chris Wallace (co-captain), Chris Rockwell, and Dan Molnar the first line is manned with middies capable of dominating at both ends of the field. The second line, although manned with only one veteran, Mike Butler, is an equal threat. First years Slater Carberry and John Kuhe both bring talent to solidify a strong second line. Backed by players such as Brian Turner, and Chandler Gammill the continental midfield lacks any sort of Achilles heal.

As many military tacticians say, the best offense is a good defense. While Hamilton has an ominous offense, its defense is equally as ominous. Middies Chris Lane, Chris Siddon, and Mike Hodgen serve as the long-stick mid-field. While only Siddon returns from last year's midfield, Lane and Hodgen have shown in pre-season that they can play like veterans. The defense itself is probably one of the strongest elements on the turf. Jamie Butler (co-captain), Paul Arventides, Peter Reed, and Tim Hannen all are returning lettermen and have each succeeded in shutting out opposing attackmen in pre-season games. Supporting this intimidating defence are Phil Dundis, Nils Fugelsang, and first year Ferrington.

Behind this defence is the "backbone" of a team: the goalie. Like the rest of the team, the Continental goalies are strong and full of potential. Returning senior Dave Gardner, rookie sensation Adam Uzelac, and veteran Jim Campbell all mind the net admirably for the Continentals, adding the finishing touch to a strong, and hungry '91 squad.

After defeating LeMoyne, Div. I Colgate, and Morrisville Von Schiller and his laxmen looked to a successful season to begin on March 15. However, due to inclement weather, the games against West Chester and Keuka were cancelled, leaving the Continentals to enjoy Spring Break uncontested.

The first game of the '91 season was against the college of Wooster (Ohio). From the first whistle the Continentals controlled the game. As a first true test of the Continental power, Wooster proved to be no match in the first half. However, the second half saw a different story unfold.

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Spec SportsWire

DEVILS, WHALERS SCORE UPSETS IN CUP PLAYOFFS:

The New Jersey Devils and Hartford Whalers scored upsets as the NHL playoffs started Wednesday. Peter Stastny scored twice to lead the Devils to a 3-1 win over the host Pittsburgh Penguins in the best-of-seven series. The visiting Whalers beat the Boston Bruins 5-2 and ended a seven-game winless streak. Other games: Montreal 7, Buffalo 5; N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1.

WHITE SOX SIGN JACKSON:

Two-sport superstar Bo Jackson, released from the Kansas City Royals two weeks ago, signed with the Chicago White Sox Wednesday. Jackson's orthopedist, James Andrews of Birmingham, Ala., says doctors who say Jackson will never play again have not studied his hip injury. "We don't think it is degenerative," Andrews said. "Bo has excellent potential to heal."

UMPIRES STRIKE OUT:

Major league umpires and baseball owners met in New York Wednesday, but failed to reach a contract agreement. Barring a settlement, the American and National Leagues are ready for a lockout of major league umpires: Amateurs have been assigned all early games. The season opens on Monday.

THREE TEAMS ADDED TO METRO CONFERENCE:

The Metro Conference, forced to expand after the departure of four of its members for other leagues, Wednesday added North Carolina-Charlotte, South Florida and Virginia Commonwealth. The new Metro members join Louisville, Southern Mississippi, Tulane and Virginia Tech in a conference that does not compete in football. Louisville has given the Metro two national championships.

Quote Of The Week

"It takes 80 games to clinch home ice advantage and just one game to lose it."

--Sportschannel's Peter McNab commenting on opening game upsets by New Jersey and Hartford on the road.

This Week In Sports....

March 31, 1970

The Seattle Pilots baseball franchise was sold by its owners to Milwaukee interests. After only one year in Seattle, the Pilots became the Milwaukee Brewers. The transfer was made a few days before the opening of the season, thus bringing a major league team back to Milwaukee after a four-year absence.

Spec Stat-Fact

Where the pros come from

NCAA Division I conferences that have produced the most current NBA and CBA players:

Conference	Players
Big Ten	65
Atlantic Coast	52
Southeastern	43
Pac 10	40
Big East	40

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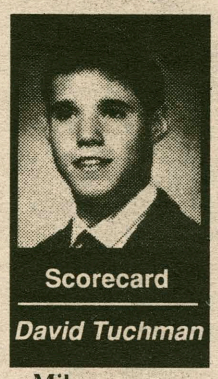
Six of Eight NHL Playoff Teams Upset In First Round

NHL: The NHL's second season began Wednesday night in the **Wales Conference. Pittsburgh** finished off the regular season as the hottest team in the NHL but skated into a tough **Devils** team. The Devils skated away with the victory 3-1 as **Peter Statsny** netted 2 goals for New Jersey. The **Rangers** finished the regular season mired in a 2-9-1 slump but came up big as they beat the **Washington Capitals** 2-1 at home behind a strong 28 saves from **Mike Richter**. **Hartford** hopes to pull off the upset against **Boston** as they began the best out of seven series with a 5-2 win. **John Cullen**, acquired in a late season trade from Pittsburgh, got a goal and 2 assists for the Whalers. **Russ Courtnall** got 2 goals for the **Canadiens** as Montreal beat the **Sabres** at home 7-5.



Scorecard

David Tuchman

The **Campbell Conference** got under way on Thursday night, and the results were equally surprising.. **Chicago**, who finished first overall for the regular season,went down to the **North Stars**, 4-3, in overtime. **Neal Broten** netted two goals and added an assist for the Stars. **Detroit** tried to cool off **Brett Hull** as they faced off against the **Blues** in St.Louis. Hull remained hot tallying 2 goals and an assist, but the Blues came away 6-3 losers. **Steve Yzerman** had a hat trick for the Wings, and **Tim Cheveldae** made 37 saves in his first playoff appearance. **Wayne Gretzky** and his **Kings** blew a 5-3 third period lead as **Russ Courtnall** led the **Vancouver Canucks** to a 6-5 victory. Courtnall had the game winner to complete a hat trick. Gretzky scored his 90th playoff goal , but still trails former Oiler Jari Kurri by two for the all-time playoff mark. Finally, the defending champion **Edmonton Oilers** traveled to **Calgary** to try and put out the Flames, but in yet another upset Edmonton took game one of the Battle of Alberta, 3-1. **Grant Fuhr** had 27 saves for the win.

Trivia: What future hall of famer holds the record for the most consecutive 50-goal seasons in the NHL?

Baseball: Wednesday morning the home of the **Chicago White Sox**, **Comiskey Park**, came crumbling down as the demolition got under way. Comiskey Park was the home of the White Sox since July 1st, 1910. While Chicago's past was being destroyed their future might be brighter now as they signed injured outfielder/running back, **Bo Jackson** to a one year deal worth a guaranteed $ 700,000. According to the deal Bo Jackson will get an additional $10,000 for every game he is available to play (up to 80 games).The White Sox have an option each of the next two years.

Nolan Ryan, 44 years old, ace pitcher on the **Texas Rangers**, has pitched 4,990 innings, has 5,308 strikeouts, and 302 wins has performed yet another amazing feat. The Texas Rangers played an exhibition game vs the **University of Texas Long Horns**. Nolan Ryan pitched for the Rangers while his 19-year old son, Reid pitched for the Long Horns. **Reid Ryan** is the oldest of three children and is a freshman at the Univ.of Texas. Nolan Ryan won the game vs his son and yet another amazing chapter goes into the life of Nolan Ryan.

Stump Merrill, the **Yankees** manager, announced that **Leary**, a 19 game loser last year, will be starting for the Yankees on opening day. Has the Yankees pitching actually gotten this bad?

Met fans can take a sigh of relief because the **Mets** finally signed **Dwight Gooden** to a 3-year contract extension. Gooden will be getting 15.45 million dollars over the next 3 years.

NFL: The **Raiders** picked up Plan B free agents **Ronnie Lott** and **Roger Craig** from the **San Francisco 49ers**. Lott and Craig were two of the cornerstones of the 49er's championship teams of 1989 and 1990.

NCAA: "Excuse me, but I just can't stop smiling" says **Mike Krzyzewski** after his **Duke Blue Devils** won their first **NCAA Championship**, in nine trips to the Final Four. Duke defeated **UNLV** on Friday night by the score of 79-77 and then beat **Kansas** 72-65 to win the Championship. Kansas, a

Please see **Tuchman** on page 19

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester, and will be entitled to all the perks therein; namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator.*

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NHL					
Washington at NY Rangers 4/5	NY Rangers	NY Rangers	Washington	NY Rangers	NY Rangers
Pittsburgh at New Jersey 4/7	New Jersey	Pittsburgh	New Jersey	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Detroit 4/8	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis
Boston at Hartford 4/9	Hartford	Boston	Hartfodf	Boston	Boston
Montreal at Buffalo 4/9	Buffalo	Buffalo	Montreal	Buffalo	Montreal
Calgary at Edmonton 4/10	Edmonton	Edmonton	Edmonton	Edmonton	Edmonton
NBA					
San Antonio at Chicago 4/5	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Phoenix at Golden State 4/5	Golden State	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix
Philadelphia at Chicago 4/7	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
New York at Chicago 4/9	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
New York at Philadelphia 4/10	New York	New York	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	New York
Portland at San Antonio 4/10	San Antonio	Portland	Portland	Portland	Portland

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1. John Refermat	**Mar. 1**	**3-0-0**	**9-2**
2. Cynthia Satloff	Mar. 1	3-0-0	7-4
3. Greg Goodman	Mar. 8	3-0-0	7-4
4. Jamie Metz	Feb. 15	2-0-1	7-4
5. Kajal Chattopadhyay	Feb. 8	1-1-1	7-4
6. Peter Otto	Feb. 8	1-1-1	7-4

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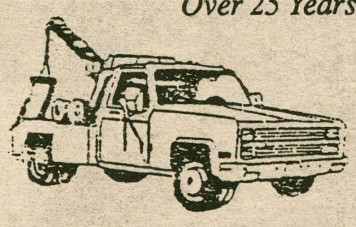

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NCAA President's Commission to Review Crackdowns

TOM WITOSKI
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

A package of tougher academic standards for college athletes has been recommended by an NCAA committee and will be reviewed by the powerful NCAA Presidents Commission later this week.

A key proposal is to raise admission standards for high school athletes who want to compete on the major college level. To compete during the freshman year, an incoming athlete who achieved only the minimum required score on the ACT or SAT test would be required to have a 2.5 grade point average in core high school courses, rather than the 2.0 now set as the NCAA minimum.

Such a rule would disqualify many current freshman athletes.

In addition, such athletes will continue to be required to meet minimum NCAA standards on one of the national standardized admissions tests. Those minimums would not change under the proposal.

NCAA rules now require that incoming freshmen achieve a 2.0 grade point average in 11 college preparatory courses and receive at least a 700 in the SAT or an 18 in the ACT test before they are allowed to compete their freshman year.

If the athlete is admitted to the school without meeting the minimum standards, he or she must sit out the first year and loses a year of eligibility.

No final recommendation on the package is expected from the Presidents' Commission this week, but supporters of tougher academic standards are pushing for such proposals to be considered during the 1992 NCAA convention, with implementation soon thereafter. The commission will meet Wednesday and Thursday in San Diego.

Other parts of the academic package proposed by the NCAA committee would:

— Provide prospective recruits with a sliding scale for the minimum grade point average and test score to be achieved to be eligible. For example, an athlete might still be able to qualify for competition with a core grade point below 2.5, but would have to have a higher score than a 700 or 18 on the exam.

— Mandate that all athletes have at least a 1.9 grade point average at the end of their third year of eligibility and a 2.0 at the end of the fourth year of eligibility.

— Require 13 units of college prep work instead of the current minimum of 11 credits. The additional credits would have to be earned in English, math or natural science.

— Raise the academic progress rule slightly by requiring at least 27 credit hours be taken after the freshman year instead of the current floor of 24 credits. As a result, athletes would be required to have at least 51 credits by the beginning of the third year; 78 by the beginning of the fourth year; and 105 by the beginning of the fifth year. The current standard requires students to complete 24 credits each year.

— Require all junior college transfers to sit out their first year in a Division I school if they failed to qualify under NCAA academic standards out of high school.

Of the decision to raise the minimum grade point, NCAA staffers said that research indicated students who score 700 on the SAT generally achieve a 2.5 grade-point average.

"The research indicates that we have been underemphasizing the core-curriculum component in our initial-eligibility requirement," Daniel Dutcher, NCAA legislative assistant and staff liaison to the requirements committee, told the NCAA News.

But a review of recent graduation reports filed by Big Ten and Big Eight conference members indicates that raising the minimum grade point average might have a dramatic impact on recruiting by many Division I schools.

"There is no question that would be a tougher standard for student-athletes to meet," said Steve McDonnell, head of student-athlete academic services at Iowa State. "The combination of the additional classwork and higher grade point will act to weed a number of athletes out."

The higher core grade-point average, if applied to the Big Eight and big Ten recruits in football and men's basketball who entered school in September 1989, might have disqualified a substantial number.

The Big Ten reports show that 40 percent of the freshman recruits that year had a grade point average below 2.5 in the core courses. That was 118 of the 285 high school athletes signed.

Big Eight football and men's basketball recruits would have been affected in much the same way. According to the most recent academic progress reports, a total of 74 of the 225 athletes — or 33 percent — recruited by those eight schools received less than a 2.5 grade point average in their core courses.

(Tom Witosky writes for the Des Moines Register.)

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Women's Track Loses

BETH ENGLISH
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday the sunny weather was ideal as the Women's Track team kicked-off their spring season with a home meet against Union. Although defeated by the Dutchmen, the team was happy to have turned in some good individual races.

Due to the team's shortage of sprinters, Union was unchallenged in the 400 meter relay. Hopefully, next year the women will have enough short-distance runners to compile a relay squad. Union, however, did not place any competitors in the 3000. Bonnie Haitt '91 came in first with a time of 11 minutes 10.1 seconds with Lara Handsfield '91 at her heels with a time of 11:11.0. The two seniors worked the race together until the end. Christa Ehmann '94 finished third with a personal best time of 12:40.4.

In the 1500 Beth English '94 came in second to a Union runner with a time of 5:14.3. Kristin Savory '94 finished third in 5:18.8.

The 400 gave newcomer Juliet Estridge '93 the opportunity to sprint to a third place finish in 1:14.1. Sprinter Jen Eby '94 dashed to a third place spot in the 100 in 14 seconds flat. Eby also finished third in the 200 dash with a time of 28.8.

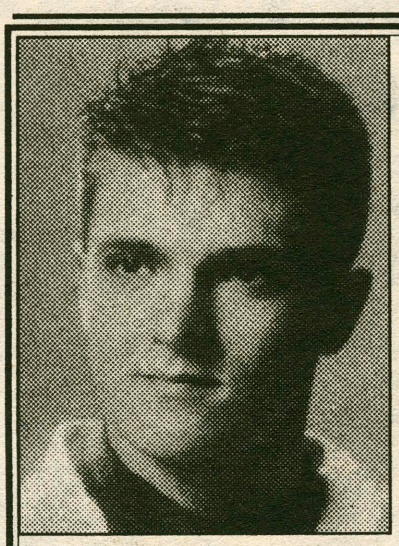
Kathleen Cunniff '94 started her season with a first place victory in the 800 in 2:36.8. Bonnie Haitt added to her victory in the 3000 by capturing second place with a time of 2:37.8.

The 1600 relay team of English, Estridge, Cunniff and Eby finished second to Union in a time of 4:46.9.

In the field events Julie Diehl '93 showed her talent in three events. She won the shot put with a strong toss of 10.97 meters then went on to place second in the javelin with a throw of 20.88 meters. Finally, in the discus Diehl came in third with a toss of 26.71 meters. Rounding out the success in the field events was Cathy Cellar '94 who won the high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 3 inches.

The Women's Track team continues its season next Wednesday in a tri-meet with Albany and Hartwick.

PHOTO: ALLISON PORTER
Kathleen Cunnif, '94, tries to make up ground on two Union runners



The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SARAH GEE

Jason Tremlett

vs. Union	Long Jump	Triple Jump
Mason	21 ft 2.5 in.	42 ft. 11.5 in.

Jason Tremlett made a stunning entrance into the world of Men's collegiate Track and Field on Wednesday against Union in the team's first meet of the season.

Jason begins track as a sophomore this year after resting out last season due to an injury, yet his performance in the long jump, the triple jump, and the high hurdles on Wednesday definitely hid any traces of his time off the track.

Jason took first in the long jump, with a leap of 21 feet, 2.5 inches, which is the farthest that a Hamilton student has jumped on the track in six years.

He also finished the triple jump in second place, jumping 42 feet and 11.5 inches. Jason showed a very strong effort in his third event, the high hurdles.

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OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Julie Sheldon

Julie, a member of the Women's Softball Team, played a superb game in a disappointing loss to Colgate yesterday. Julie, who plays all positions except for pitcher, committed no errors in left field yesterday.

John Neuwirth

John, an attack player for the Men's Varsity Lacrosse Team, put five shots in the goal Tuesday in a blazing victory over Rochester. This brings his total number of goals to nine in two games. Keep going, John!

Continental Baseball 1991

SCOTT TUCKER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the last snow has hopefully fallen for the month of April, the break of sun brings the start of yet another Continental baseball season. Riding high from a productive trip to Cocoa Beach for spring training, the squad is eagerly awaiting the season's first pitch this weekend. The Continentals will start things out on the road tomorrow travelling to Hartwick for a double-header, and then returning Sunday for their home-opener against R.P.I.

Matt Miles

Hamilton coach Mike Davis has his starting line-up in order for this weekend but will not be afraid to go to the bench. The Continental lineup is generally conditional on the starting pitcher, so you may see a few substitutions and changes in the field. Last year the club split with Hartwick winning the opener, 12-1, and losing the twi-night, 8-6, but fell in both contests to R.P.I. bowing 13-4 and 11-10.

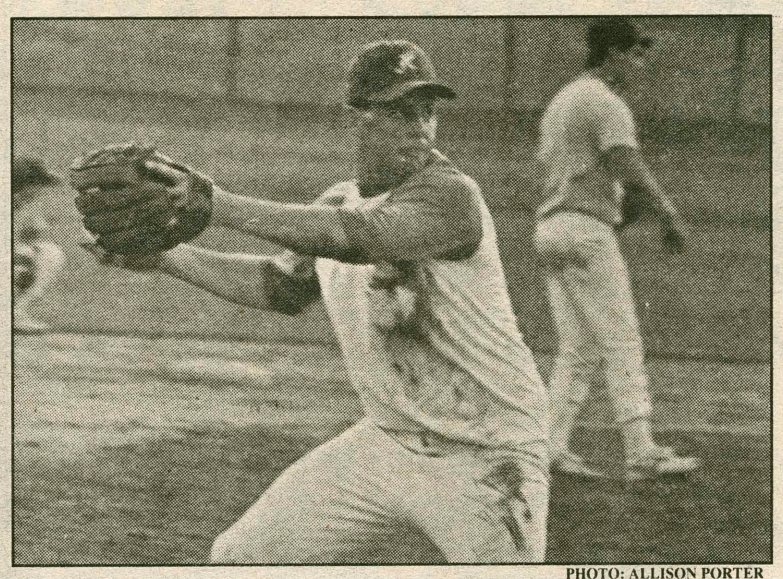
It would appear that Hamilton will open things up with the ace of the staff, Peter Wymard. The burly 6'3" righty from Pittsburgh went 4-0 last year with a sparkling 1.65 E.R.A. Averaging under three walks a game, control is the key to his success. But Coach Davis has other hurlers in the pen especially with the emergence of three freshmen. In Cocoa Beach Ed Bartoszewski, Tom Hale, and Lucas Watson all had admirable showings earning the confidence of Coach Davis. The Continentals staff also has proven veterans in senior Ray Lauenstein (1-0, .000), junior Paul Bartell, and sophomore Andy Scott.

Around the diamond the Continentals have solid players. Anchoring third base is Bartell. Although his average dipped just below .200 last year he knocked in 7 runs and had 23 assists in the field. To his left at short is junior James Potter. This sure handed (only 2 errors last year) righty batted .250 last season and will fill the middle of the field extremely well. His counterpart at second will either be junior Matt Miles or sophomore Carlos Sagebien. Miles found more playing time last year suiting up for 10 games (.278 batting avg., .875 fielding avg.) but Sagebien committed no errors in 8 chances while compiling a .333 batting average in three games. Coach Davis might alternate the two until one catches fire, but either way the Continentals are solid here. Over at first Hamilton is led by two of its captains Gordon Kaye and Pete Wymard. They will hold the bag depending on who is on the hill for Hamilton. And to round out the infield the back-stopper for the Continentals will probably be split by Jeff Foresman and Craig Mueller. They will most likely share catching duties during double-header action. Foresman also can double up at third if Bartell is on the mound.

Gord Kaye

Onward to the outfield brings Hamilton a strong contingent of throwing arms. Senior tri-captain Ray Lauenstein (.250, 2 HRs) will cover right field territory. In center is Scott(.342, 2 HRs,12 RBIs), who possesses an enormous amount of talent. Coming off a football injury Scott appears to have limited side-effects, at least none that are visible. Scott will have to create some excitement on the base paths as he is the lone returning Continental to have stolen more than one base (5 for 5). To his right in left field will be sophomore Scott Imler. Coach Davis also has heralded junior Aaron Ketchum from Rye, New York as his top filler for the outfield. Lauenstein and Scott will be called on to pitch creating the gap for Ketchum to fill. There are also some freshmen who will get some time in the outfield grass. Lucas Watson and Brandon Collings should see some action through the course of the year.

The Hamilton Continentals baseball squad appears to be pretty solid throughout. Though carrying only three seniors, the Continentals have many juniors and sophomores who have considerable experience. That experience might be the key to success in what is a relatively young ball club. Be sure to come out on Sunday at 1 p.m. to see the Continentals open against R.P.I.



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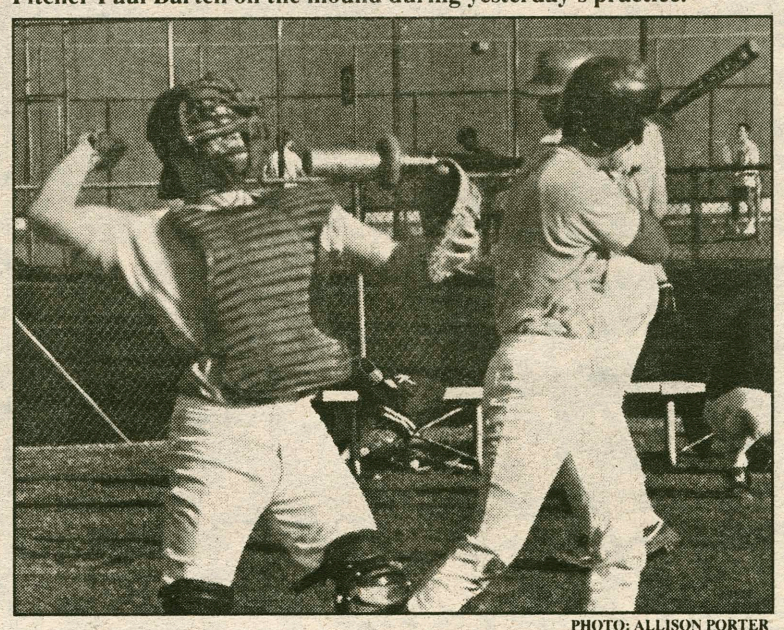
Pitcher Paul Bartell on the mound during yesterday's practice.



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The Continentals are warming up the lumber for opening day.

1991 Continental's Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent
April 6	at Hartwick (2)
April 7	vs. R.P.I. (2)
April 9	vs. Oswego (2)
April 13	vs. Rochester (2)
April 17	at Hobart
April 20	at R.I.T. (2)
April 23	at Clarkson
April 26	vs. Union
April 27	vs. Albany (2)
April 30	at Utica

Lady Lax Is On Track

Continentals Beat Cortland, Improve to 3-0

SARAH GEE
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Both the Varsity and the Junior Varsity Women's Lacrosse Teams were victorious once more on Thursday in their games versus Cortland. The varsity team has definitely proven itself as a strong power to contend with in the league, after having played only three games.

Led by captains Lisa Stichweh, Pam Johnson, and Emily Helm, the team put ten shots in the goal and provided a tough defensive effort, holding Cortland to eight goals. Pam Johnson contributed three goals to help out tremendously on offense, along with Kerry O'Malley, Connie Douglas, and Lisa Lavinson. Ashley Wilberding tended goal with her usual prowess, as well.

The Junior Varsity defeated Cortland 7-5, improving their record to 2-1-0. Liz Lowman, and Jessica Dalrymple put forth a good effort for the team, as did Annaliese Black in goal.

Men's Lax Record at 1-1

Lacrosse from page 15

Hamilton began to lose ground as Wooster capitalized on numerous occasions stealing a victory from the Blue in OT, 13-12. Scoring for the Continentals were John Neuwirth (6 goals), Sam Kosoff (1 goal, 1 assist), Chris Wallace (2 goals), Chris Rockwell (1 goal), Slater Carberry (1 goal, 1 assist), and John Kuhe (1 goal).

Next the Continentals were faced with the Yellow Jackets of the University of Rochester. Realizing the mistakes made during the Wooster game, Von Schiller and the blue did not slow during the last half, despite setbacks, ultimately defeating Rochester by a score of 8 to 4. Scoring for the Continentals were Neuwirth (3 goals), Wallace (2 goals), Rockwell (1 goal, one assist), Kosoff (3 assists), Carberry (1 assist), and freshman creaseman Famigletti (2 goals)

With a record of 1-1, Von Schiller and the Continentals look forward to a promising season against challenging foes, five of which are nationally ranked. However, this neither intimidates nor discourages the laxmen as they many have strong players and a lot of potential. As the spring begins to look promising in upstate New York, so too does the future of Hamilton Lacrosse.. check it out on the Love Rug.

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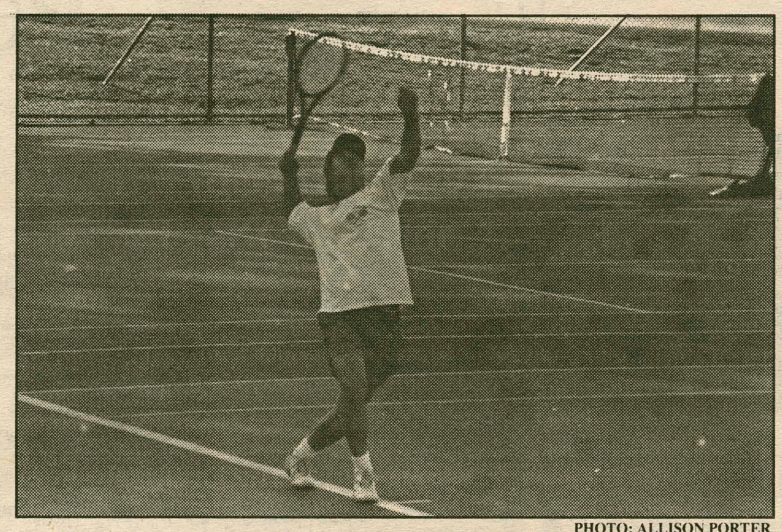
Nothing's Easy For Tennis Team

Tennis from page 15

and Julian Paik. They won their match and clinched the win for Hamilton. After the meet, Okte stated, "Every person who played performed to the best of their tennis abilities. It was a very hard match and the win will hopefully prove uplifting for the remainder of the season."

The team will be traveling to Hartwick on Saturday as they try to increase their record to 2-1. This should be one of the team's easier meets of the season. A win is a must if the team expects to do well overall. The next home meet is on Wednesday as the Continentals host Utica at 3:00 p.m.



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Julian Paik gets set to rip a serve in Wednesday's match with Union.

Ithaca 5, Hamilton 4
Singles: Isik Okte def. Mike Axelrod (4-6, 6-2, 6-2), Cary Grueber def. Mike Doehla (2-6, 1-6), Dan Burke def. Eric Nordhiff (6-4, 4-6, 7-6), Jamie Kreitzman def. Greg Hills (3-6, 2-6), Dave Trinkoff def. Julian Paik (4-6, 6-4, 4-6), Eric Simpson def. Mike Casstevens (3-6, 6-4, 5-7).
Doubles: Okte-Hills def. Axelrod-Grueber (6-4, 7-5), Doehla-Burke def. Nordhiff-Simpson (4-6, 6-4, 7-6), Trinkoff-Kyle Schermerhorn def. Casstevens-Paik (3-6, 4-6).

Hamilton 5, Union 4
Singles: Okte def. Miller (6-2, 6-3), Lasewicz def. Doehla (6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-3), D'Orio def. Burke (default), Hills def. Futterman (6-3, 6-1), Paik def. Polites (7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (5-7), 7-5), Wittenberg def. Rizzo (6-2, 6-4).
Doubles: Conti-Dahl def. Okte-Hills (3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3), D'Orio-Lasewicz def. Burke-Doehla (7-5, 7-6 (7-5), Paik-Casstevens def. Polites-Miller (6-4, 7-6 (7-5)).

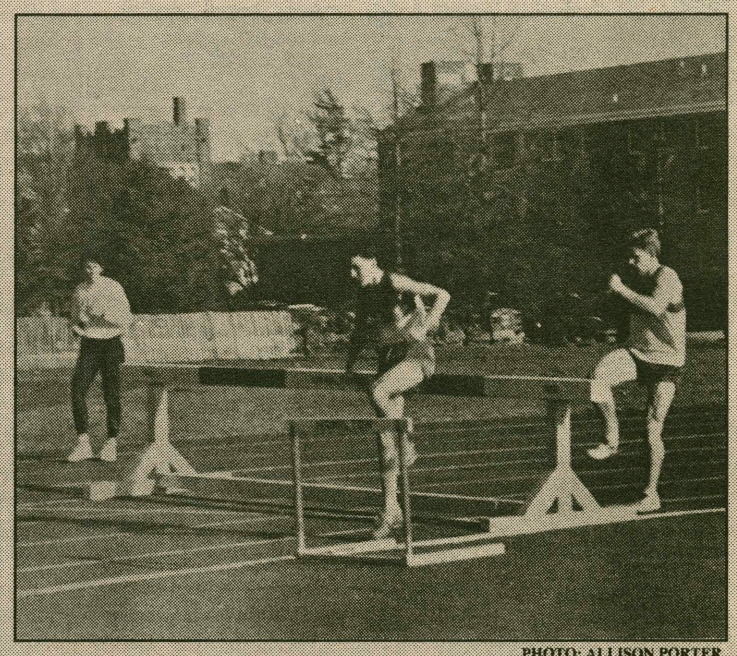
Men's Track Cruises

Track from page 15

Grey '93, and Tony Richardson '93. Wheeler tied for first in the pole vault, but his vault of 13 feet 7 inches was both a Hamilton school record and a Love Field record. Wheeler also added points in the 4 x 400 relay, and the javelin. Grey won the 100 meter dash in 11.3, the 200 meter dash in 22.8 seconds, and ran on the winning 4 x 100 relay. Richardson won both the 110 high and 400 intermediate hurdles, and also ran the 4 x 100 relay.

Other key contributers for the "Running Continentals" included Rinsky, who won the 1500, and team captain Chris Moser '92, who won the discuss with a throw of 38.50 meters. He was also second in the javelin.

Always hoping for good weather (and Wednesday wasn't too bad), Hamilton travels to the Capital District in its first of four consecutive road meets to face state powerhouse SUNY Albany, and a relatively weak Hartwick squad. It will be interesting to see how our best stack up against them.



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Joe Salvatore and Ted Collins in the steeplechase.

Softball Drops Opener to Colgate, 4-2

Young team's mistakes prove costly as the Red Raiders get four runs on two hits

PETE CHECKETT
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On Thursday April 4th, Hamilton's Softball team opened their 1991 season with a disappointing 4-2 loss to Colgate. Although the loss was a disappointment, it is important to note that the Continentals had a strong performance, and one can expect this young team to improve during the season.

Colgate scored all four runs in the sixth inning. All were unearned, resulting from two crucial errors. The Continentals battled back in the seventh and managed to score two runs. Credit Sarah Deforest and Ann Busch with the RBI's.

The Continentals played a stronger game than did Colgate and out hit them. Pitcher Andrea Perotti turned in a strong performance, giving up only two hits and four walks while striking out two. The other key players were catcher Sarah DeForest, who had five putouts and two assists, and left fielder Julie Sheldon, who had five putouts— including a spectacular diving catch in the second. Overall, the Continentals outplayed Colgate and deserved to come away with a "W."

The softball team is relatively young (seven out of the fifteen players are first years) and they should continue to improve throughout the season. Expect them to bring home that first win very, very soon.

Duke Gets Monkey Off Its Back

Tuchman from page 16

suprise final four candidate defeated **University of North Carolina,** 79-73, on Friday night to reach the finals. **Christian Laettner**, the 6-11 center for Duke, was named the tournament MVP. Laettner got 18 points for the Blue Devils, 12 on free throws. He was 21 of 23 from the line for the weekend. After losing to UNLV by 30 points in last seasons title game, Duke was considered a long shot in this years semi-final contest. But UNLV only two games away from immortality, an undefeated season and repeating as national champs were stymied by an aggressive Duke team. In the final game Duke set the tone early against Kansas with an amazing one-handed alley-oop jam from freshman **Grant Hill**. **Bobby Hurley**, only a sophomore played like a seasoned veteran, handling and dishing out the ball to his teammates against UNLV and then Kansas.

Duke faces themselves in the same position as UNLV was in last year. The Duke Blue Devils are favorites to repeat next year. They are only graduating one player, Greg Koubek. Blue Devils Coach Mike Krzyzewski joked, " Well where do you think we should hang it? We don't want to take up too much space. Maybe we won't take 53 years to get another one."

In women's college basketball **Tennessee** captured their 3rd national title in the past five years with a 70-67 overtime victory over **Virginia**. 6'3" All-America center **Daedra Charles** played big in the final with 19 points and 12 rebounds. **Dena Head** a junior guard for Tennessee scored 28 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Northern Michigan defeated **Boston University** 8-7 in triple overtime to capture the **NCAA Hockey Championship**. Northern Michigan left wing **Darryl Plandowski** scored the winning goal 1:57 into the 3rd overtime. BU had overcome a three goal third period deficit to tie the game with just 38 seconds to go in the game.

Wednesday night **Larry Johnson** of the UNLV Running Rebels won the **John Wooden Award** given annually to the best college basketball player each year. Larry Johnson averaged almost 23 pts and 11 rebounds per game.

LSU 7'1" sophomore center, **Shaquille O'Neal**, has decided to stay in school at least one more year and maybe until he graduates. O'Neal would have surely been the #1 pick in this years NBA draft.

NBA: On Sunday **Chicago** traveled to **Boston** in what could be a preview of the conference finals. The Celtics prevailed 124-122 in a tough double overtime contest. On Wednesday night **Golden State** clinched a playoff spot by defeating the **Miami Heat** 127-114. Also on Wednesday night the **Utah Jazz** snapped the **Clipper's** 5-game winning streak by defeating them at the palace by a score of 99-97. **Karl Malone** was unstoppable as he poured in 39 pts and had 12 rebounds. The **Kings** increased their league leading 33rd consecutive road loss by dropping to the **Sonics**. **Cleveland** kept their playoff hopes alive by beating the **Knicks** by a final score of 95-84.

Trivia Answer: Mike Bossy formerly with the N.Y Islanders. He scored at least 50 goals in 9 consecutive seasons.

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4-1
IT'S BOOPSIE. I'M WORRIED ABOUT. SHE'S GOTTA BE GOIN' NUTS! I'M JUST GLAD SHE'S IN A MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP.
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP? IN MALIBU?
...AND WHAT IF HE COMES HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF PILOT SEASON?
YEAH, WE HAVE LIVES NOW!
OKAY, SETTLE DOWN.
OKAY, EVERYONE, WITH OUR TROOPS STARTING TO COME HOME, LET'S HOPE THIS IS ONE OF THE FINAL MEETINGS OF THE MALIBU MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP!
FIRST OFF, A COUPLE OF ITEMS. ANYONE WHO'S IN NEED OF COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN SHOULD SEE ME AFTER THE MEETING. SOME OF YOUR YOUNGER ONES MAY BE EXPERIENCING REUNION ANXIETY.
4-2
SECONDLY, DON'T FORGET THE POT-LUCK FUND-RAISER THIS SUNDAY! IT'S IMPORTANT WE GET A GOOD TURNOUT!
OKAY, ANY NEW BUSINESS? BOOPSIE?
YES, I THINK I JUST SAW JOHNNY CARSON.
WHERE?
OKAY, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING NEW THEY WANT TO SHARE WITH THE SUPPORT GROUP? ANY NEW COPING STRATEGIES THAT HAVE WORKED FOR YOU?
WELL, I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL. B.D. HAD ALWAYS HANDLED OUR FINANCES BEFORE, AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO BALANCE A CHECKBOOK!
4-4
SO I TOOK A COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCE. NOW I KNOW ENOUGH TO GET BY.
AND WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT YOURSELF IN THE PROCESS?
I FOUND OUT I WAS $7,000 IN DEBT.
OKAY. NOW BUILD ON THAT.
SO, BOOPSIE! LET'S START WITH YOU! HAVE YOU AND B.D. BEEN STAYING IN TOUCH?
WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO!
I WRITE ALMOST EVERY DAY, AND I SENT HIM A LITTLE BUNNY RABBIT WITH CHOCOLATE EGGS ON VALENTINE'S DAY!
4-3
ON VALENTINE'S DAY?
WELL, THE MAIL'S BEEN A LITTLE SLOW. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT GOT THERE BY EASTER.
EASTER.
WHAT'D YOU GET?
CHRISTMAS COOKIES.
BOOPSIE, LET'S TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT THE CHANGES YOU'VE GONE THROUGH IN THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS...
A LOT OF SPOUSES AND LOVED ONES HAD NEVER REALLY TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN LIVES BEFORE! IT WAS SOMETHING NEW!
4-5
DO YOU THINK THAT THAT EXPERIENCE HAS MADE SOME OF US MORE INDEPENDENT, MORE PERSONALLY ASSERTIVE?
I THINK I CAN SPEAK TO THAT...
HEY! I'VE GOT THE FLOOR HERE, BOZO!
YOU KNOW, I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT US ALL GOING THROUGH BIG-TIME CHANGES. I KNOW I'M NOT THE SAME PERSON I WAS SEVEN MONTHS AGO...
I MEAN, B.D. ALWAYS USED TO DRIVE. B.D. USED TO MAKE THE DEALS. B.D. USED TO DECIDE WHERE WE'D EAT! NOW, I DO THOSE THINGS, AND I... I LIKE IT!
4-6
≥ SIGH... ≤
MAY I JUST SAY...
I'M NOT READY TO RELINQUISH POWER, DAMMIT!
GOOD! GOOD!
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Personals

To Rooster-
"You are my #1 seed for Senior Week... Cock-adoodle-doo!" -084-56-4112

Happy Birthday Scooter! We hope you recover expeditiocisly! -The Staff

Anonymous ELS member #1: "Somebody told me that DKE was mad about their pledge being misquoted." Anon. ELS Member #2: "It's true. He never said he was a meathead. He said he was a steakhead!"

Happy Twent-Second Heidi Hiemstra, 4/4/91! (Sorry this is a day late- Darned editors wouldn't agree to print on Thursday. And you were too busy to read it then anyway...) -Thack

Campus Narcs- Stay away from our Illegeal Party!
-S., B., & R.

Mom & Dad- Do you read the personals? If yes, do you understand them?

Amy Kline & Red Weather Ed's- Congrats on the most groovin' and productive editors weekend that I have seen in 7 semester! Elvis would be proud.
-Editor Emeritus Thack

Holly,
You are a stylish and innovativ4e person I'd love to get to know. -an intrigued observer

"Bill Thackeray could sell his body. Then we'd only need $19,999.00" Response for eliminating the yearbook budget deficit raised in the Thack's April Fool's mailing to seniors.

You fact verifiers really turn me on. You make me want to ... well, you know.
-J

To a new friendship-
Elihu, Molly and John

To Maura, Lisa, Anna, Jen-
Wediko here we come! -J.K.W.

Dear Boo Boo,
I still love you. - Pooky

Dear Paul (Mr. Burr),
I look forward to celebrating our A+'s this weekend with baited breath... yeah yeah yeah, anyway, never think of yourself as a C. -Love, Paula

Boy Fish,
God must have been inspired by Michelangelo when he created you! -Renaissance Woman

Zeeter,
"Just give us one more mile." For all the body odor in the world Vibe Mili Funk
P.S. When's the Reunion?

Kenny ,
Do you and your friend (I.G.T.) share the same Keehn B_ _ _ _! -Us

Sarah,
You are a exceptional R.A.!
-your neighbor

J.V. # 30,
Oh, Baby! God put you together real <u>well</u>!!!

To fellow Attitudes Co-workers, diversity makes for volatile, but interesting discouse.
-J.S.

Jen-
Iwould rather swim in a beautiful mirage, than in a pool of acid rain! (P.S. - I prefer Chablis!)
-Kara

#1 and #2,
Maybe I shouldn't have gone to Syracuse twice in one day. But no, I enjoy weekly blood sucking. I do. #1- just remember that they're probably not worth it, but I'm enjoying getting to watch. A kiss anyone.
-Love, #3 (The Mono Pup)

Yo bossy + Ya Know
What's Up?! We like you.
-All inFavor Girl + La Boricula
P.S. Hi Emotion!
Sarah are you real? -an admire

Dish,
You're the Rig!
-Lee et al.

Hey Coach Long, "We buried Union for you!"
-Track & Field Team

Attitudes

Is There a Future for Private Societies at Hamilton?

Societies Fill a Crucial Gap

Dyan Finguerra '92

The Spectator asked me to address the future of societies on the Hamilton campus. I see a place for societies in a different role than its present form. Change is an evolutionary process that initiates from a strong, well-defined social movement. Rather than predict what I believe the change will be, I would like to address an equally important topic: the lack of a well defined agenda and the anti-intellectual actions of many members of the community attempting to improve the system.

H.O.S.S. does not qualify as a "strong, well-defined social movement." For starters, their mission statement has a number of flaws. They believe that societies "force conformity on individuals." What conformity? The problem with this campus is that people quickly stereotype individuals into preconceived notions of what that person must be like because he/she is in a society, plays a sport, lives in Root Hall, lives in the Co-op, is a Long Islander. Unfortunately, members of this community like to assume that a person develops certain characteristics because he/she is a member of a particular society. I wish that members of H.O.S.S. would distinguish between conformity and similar characteristics. Those who shout conformity are not present in meetings that last one hour longer than planned because of differences of opinion within societies. If one takes the time to look at individual members instead of classifying them all together under one personality heading, one might find a very diverse body within each existing society.

The mission statement also questions "A general anti-academic attitude and its effects on the academic aspects of the community." Is H.O.S.S. asserting that society members have anti-academic attitudes or that societies themselves promote anti-academic attitudes? Is H.O.S.S. asserting that societies attract anti-academic individuals or develop anti-academic members? Furthermore, how does H.O.S.S. intend to measure academia? If H.O.S.S. intends to support an "anti-academic attitude" by grade-point averages, they will find GPA differences of affiliated and non-affiliated students to be statistically insignificant. If they intend to gauge an anti-academic attitude by campus organization participation, most students at Hamilton will not be surprised to find that society members are leaders in Student Assembly, Honor Court, Judiciary Board, Publications Board, Root- Jessup, WHCL, Pentagon, Environmental Action Club, *Red Weather*, *Ekthesy*, *Discourse*, Academic Chamber, Asian Cultural Society, BLSU, Hamiltones, Special K, Buffers, Young Democrats, and many Varsity sports, to name a few. Does H.O.S.S. find it strange that all of these organizations are headed by society members? Perhaps H.O.S.S. can find support for an "anti-academic" attitude of society members by questioning how many hours these organization directors put toward studying or towards other activities.

Back to my original premise...many of the goals of H.O.S.S. are unfounded assumptions. H.O.S.S. has not even decided what their real goal is: abolishment? forced co-education? It hardly qualifies for a well-defined social movement, least to say strong.

The even graver problems I have with H.O.S.S. are their double standards and their methods of promoting change. When an individual of a society does something with poor judgement, immediately it is a reflection of that society. However, when a member of H.O.S.S. does something with poor judgement, immediately it is not a reflection of H.O.S.S. That is a double standard. For example, a few weeks ago, when a member of H.O.S.S. entered a fraternity with a cup in her hand, received a beer at a bar located on the outside porch, and then ran to the Deans at 1:30 am to close down the party, her actions were not a reflection of H.O.S.S. Conversely, if a society member were to kick down a door in Dunham, automatically it would be perceived as a reflection of the society. That is unjust.

At the beginning of the semester I met with Dean Coates, Aaron Dun (Community Council Chair) and a leading member of H.O.S.S. We decided that this year's debate would be conducted on an intellectual basis: discussing issues of inequity, morality, etc. Unfortunately, those words were restricted to the walls of the office, since this past week has been filled with childish, anti-intellectual activities. To avoid the generalizations that people often fall prey to, I will not assert that the events were strictly executed by H.O.S.S. members.

Printing a two-year-old alleged "pledge test" and distributing it to more than half of the campus is anti-intellectual. Spying on a society and calling security when it meets with its pledges is anti-intellectual. Creating a ludicrous statement by fictional pledges and sending it to society Presidents is anti-intellectual. Sneaking into a fraternity, grabbing a beer and running to the Deans is anti-intellectual. Printing a five year old letter that has nothing to do with the present brothers in the "*Daily Bulll*"" is anti-intellectual. Perhaps any H.O.S.S. members involved will surface and take responsibility for their actions.

I find it ironic that the societies, who are victims of these gutterball actions performed by anti-society individuals, are still harassed as being anti-intellectual. I am sad that Hamilton community members behave this way.

Hamilton is an academic institution. We are supposed to learn to think critically and derive rational, intellectual conclusions. The actions of many anti-society individuals undermines the very goals of the College that they believe they are fighting to preserve. By moving their focus from an intellectual basis,

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Societies Threaten Campus Equity

Amanda Baker '92 &
Brewster Thackeray '91

The administration of Hamilton College does not see the college's fraternities and sororities as flawless; certainly it appears to be ignoring them. Neither, however, is the administration issuing harsh and sudden dictates. But, in a very diplomatic form, the administration looks for action and insight from the student body. The loudest voice to challenge the society status quo is Hamilton Opposed to Selective Societies.

This semester H.O.S.S. has sponsored a viewing of the Donahue show on fraternities, followed by a well-attended and diverse discussion. The group is also sponsoring a social psychologist who will speak on fraternity gang rape, and is co-sponsoring a debate on the role of societies, together with the ISC and Community Council. However, in the midst of this productive activity, H.O.S.S. has been accused of at least three incidents for which we are not responsible: the fabrication of a letter stating the disgruntlement of several pledges with their fraternity's pledging process and their intention to reveal information about it; the distribution of a two-year-old TDX pledge test; and the reporting of a sorority hazing incident to the administration and security. Although some feel that these actions could only have been taken by H.O.S.S., the group as a whole should not be accused or discounted because these actions were taken. Firstly, there is at least as much reason to believe that people within the Greek ranks are responsible for the incidents mentioned above. Secondly, as the Deans have repeatedly stressed to those who accuse H.O.S.S., H.O.S.S.cannot be held responsible for all individuals who question societies — even if those individuals once attended a H.O.S.S. meting — in the same way that fraternities and sororities can be held accountable for their members. H.O.S.S. members have not been through a strange or secret bonding experience that has made us siblings, nor do we pay dues. We are simply some of the individuals on campus who are dedicated to questioning Hamilton as it exists, while working to make it a better place for all.

The clearest example of a problem deserving attention in Hamilton's private society-controlled status quo can be felt this and every spring. Housing options and opportunities to get off of the college meal plan abound for sophomore men; there are no such options for their female peers. The college has been co-ed for over a decade; yet the administration allows the private society sytem, which consists of primarily secret, selective, Greek lettered fraternities, to dictate what housing options will exist and for whom.

The status quo is the tenuous thread by which societies hang. Anyone trying to cut that thread, as Paul Crumrine '71, Chairman of Delta Upsilon's Alumni Trustees tried to do in threatening to sell the fraternitie's house to the college a couple of weeks ago, can expect to be severely punished. Mr. Crumrine's move to sell the property rights to the college were halted, he was removed from his position, and he has been labeled as an adversary to societies. In this instance, the bonds of DU. brotherhood are apparently quite weak. Mr. Crumrine questioned his younger brothers' running of the house for which he and his fellow trustees are responsible, and in return, they declared him to be a traitor. The implication is that this trustee, who was a member of his fraternity for over two decades, and who stayed involved in spite of living in Maryland, just did not care about D. U. Is it not possible that Crumrine's only crime was caring too much? Do any other fraternity alumni share his nerve and willingness to question what problems may exist in their houses? Adam Miller, ISC Vice President, referred to Crumrine's actions as "one man is out to destroy the tradition. They're being sabotaged." (March 29 *Spectator*).

Elitist anachronism or positive community force? Two sides of private societies at Hamilton: the cover page from the society section of the 1923 yearbook (right) and the Phi Sigma Sigma charity "rock-a-thon," held last winter where they raised $2,000 for charity (left).

Another cost of allowing traditions to grow and prosper unchecked? There are many. One of the main components of the private society system is hazing. The definition of hazing by the national Executive Fraternity Association is "any action or situation created intentionally, whether on or off fraternity, sorority, or college premises to include physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule." This includes "morally degrading or humiliating games or activities; late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy, or the law of the state or the regulations and policies of the college." Actions by societies such as late-night line-ups, inserting vegetables in anal orifices, or administering tests that perpetuate unacceptable attitudes towards gender, race, and sexual preference, or that require exorbitant amounts of studying are considered forms of hazing, regardless of whether the person agrees to execute the pledge task.

Why does hazing occur on the Hamilton campus? According to the society system, hazing is necessary in order for a pledge class to bond together — but at whose expense? The repercussions of private societies' hazing and other activities do not fall entirely on the societies themselves, but also on the entire Hamilton community.

Wake up, Hamilton. The TDX test and Phi Beta Chi's late-night line up reflect on our community. The message we are sending is: Yes, we think it's OK for a man or a woman to be harassed or ridiculed; it is OK for a woman to have to quit studying for an exam to take part in a line-up; nothing is wrong with placing a student in a dangerous situation — if it is part of bonding for membership.

Many proponents of the Greek private society system claim that fraternities and so-

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Delta Upsilon Alumnus Defends Actions

PAUL CRUMRINE '71

So as I don't go down in local lore as Captain Ahab and DU as the great white whale, and in the belief that institutional memory is useful and can be well remembered by someone, in spite of great distance, I present this story.

On Friday March 22, a package was mailed to the undergraduate president of Delta Upsilon Fraternity which contained a letter and Statement of Reasons advising the Hamilton Chapter that its Board of Trustees had decided to surrender its lease and give the chapter house to the college due to nonfeasance and malfeasance in three areas of operations — finances, social, "misuse of alcohol" and general administration, especially as to member education and community interaction, and because the legal risks of operating in a setting of widespread illegal use and abuse of alcohol were too great. Later the same day, news reports of arrests and the seizure of property by federal authorities arising from an investigation of illegal drug use and sales at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville were being broadcast on radio and television. While the timing was coincidental, the two events arose from some common ground, as we see it.

The DU alumni who came together in the Fall of 1984 were largely local (5 of 7) and from a set of members that were part of and then led the chapter in a relatively successful period of ancient history: 1969-72. These trustees (which included an '80 graduate who had great rapport with the guys but whose almost singlehanded efforts from '81 to '84 were comparable to trying to bail a sinking battleship with a bucket) quickly learned that while the present membership, leadership and operation bore little resemblance to the fraternity they had known, it was *typical* of the fraternity system then operating on campus. Almost as quickly, it was observed that, in many ways, that system was, sadly, a fair representation of related aspects of student life at the college. For example, it seemed that there were parties at DU two or three times a month, but, then, open alcoholic beverages were allowed almost everywhere on campus and were most conspicuous at football and hockey games. Not four months after we got underway, DU was put on probation for incidents which would not have happened except for alcohol abuse. The federally imposed state law raising the legal drinking age to 21 in December, 1985 helped the college to eliminate the open-container situation.

As to reflections of students and student life in other ways, in the Fall of 1986, a new position — Assistant Dean for Student Organizations — was created to help *all* student organizations with basic functions like budgeting, bookkeeping and programming. This was a response to a need for guidance and technical advisors never thought necessary before. Considering typical lag times for identifying trends and needs, those factors had probably slipped significantly before remedial action was taken. The size of the Dean of Students Office has probably doubled since then to address the increasing complexity of the student life side of the college administration of the 80s and 90s. By an evolutionary process, these additional ideas and resources have made the school better now in this area than it was six years ago, in my opinion.

Meanwhile, the fraternities were cut off from the college in 1981-82 as the result of policy changes brought around in no small part from gender-sensitive civil rights laws, litigation and debate from the 1970s which the college could not ignore after 1978 when the phrase "for men" was stricken from the college's charter. Thereafter, the college would not allow nonresident members to eat at their houses, and the college would no longer collect room and board charges with tuition payments and then transfer them over to the houses. By the end of the next year, DU owed the college almost $10, 000 for oil supplied by the college when the group ran out of money. The college even stopped doing health and safety inspections until inspections in early 1986 revealed substantial problems on the eve of a new state law increasing fire safety standards, which led to expensive alterations and repairs at many houses.

Some, if not much, of a physical, financial and leadership deterioration occurred because the fraternity alumni did not know what was happening. So, at a time when *more* assistance was needed than ever, no flares went up, no red flags were waved. The few who had carried the weight relatively easily for many years as alumni overseers were overtaken by problems including seemingly more frequent and serious disciplinary proceedings by the college, some of which resulted in the closing of DKE, Psi U and DU for periods of one to four years and probationary periods for them and others between 1984 and 1988 — the very period when this college and others were observing the need for improved systems and structure to serve the residential life needs (though perhaps not desires) of the general student population.

In November 1986, the new Assistant Dean for Student Organizations gave a stirring speech and challenge to a packed house of society members in the chapel — a "this may be your last chance to get your act together so get your rears in gear, and if you need help I'm here" speech. It was heard. And rears were put in gear — for about a year. A new constitution was adopted by the Inter-Society Council. D.U. came back as a dry house for a year. The remaining DKE members graduated. A new sorority formed. TDX was revitalized. Then, in the Fall of 1987, a first-year woman at a Chi Psi party, sick and on medication, almost died from perhaps a single drink of alcohol. Assistant Dean Savage stated: "It is not just fraternities; this campus has an alcohol problem. I hope the community is sacred enough to do something about it." Phi Beta Chi, largely on one floor on a wing of Bundy for the first time, alienated neighbours by hosting almost weekly Thursday night parties too large and loud for the time and location.

In September 1989, the new Dean of Students banned hallway or "stairwell" parties in the dormitories — parties where 100 to 200 students or more would party on privately purchased beer on the basis of a "party responsibility form" filed with the Dean's office by a host student 21 years or older. This meant the fraternities would be under greater pressure than before. By early second semester, there were several incidents of fistfights at parties and houses, unheard of before, and personal injury accidents involving underage students who had attended parties — both of which had in common the fact that students were arriving at parties already intoxicated from drinking in their own rooms or at parties in the dormitory rooms of others. This came to the attention of DU's alumni as the result of a fight at a party at DU. The party had started with two kegs in a senior's dormitory room but was chased out by campus security at midnight. Within minutes, the party, which probably immediately doubled in size, moved to DU.

I don't consider myself an alarmist, but I knew we could not change DU on this one issue without changing the peer system within which it operated. Therefore, I attempted to convey the seriousness of the situation to undergraduate and alumni leaders of all the societies late last Spring. A weekend conference in August led to the party rule proposals promulgated by the leaders and circulated for debate and adoption by the societies as soon as classes resumed. For various reasons, the rules adopted were considerably weaker, and an informal investigation by DU's alumni in February 1991 suggested neither the spirit nor the letter of the rules and recommendations was improving the conduct of the social events being hosted by the fraternities as to personal safety and legal compliance. Word was that dormitory parties were no better. Considering today's legal climate as to liability, the situation was unacceptable through my group.

The campus-wide alcohol situation was significant but not the only factor that led DU alumni to decide that there was no hope of restoring the chapter as far as running its own business, observing its founding principles, "which are every bit as relevant to the development of mature young adults as ever," and restoring the organization to a position of respect as an interactive player and contributor to the college community. When you've got second semester sophomores trying to run these organizations due to lack of interest of juniors, you've got reason for concern. Try to tell a 19 year old about legal liability, budgets and financial records.

It's a pity *The Spectator* writer didn't have a copy of our letter to Todd before writing it. Several statements, in fact, were incorrect. Also portions of prepared statements of people on both sides were excerpted out of context and portions were omitted. This resulted in a picture that unfairly portrayed the personalities as well as the issues. In part, the DU alumni wants to address the whole student body — not just the members of DU. Of course we're presumptuous. But don't miss the message here.

This is not just about one fraternity, nor just the society system — it's about an environment in which, amidst wonders of academe and privilege, not a month on campus, new students are sneaking into fraternity parties they know they are specifically dis-invited to (from). I've even heard that the Hamilton "cool" now includes the notion that students don't want to appear to their peers to be hitting the books too hard — a college campus of "young adults" who demand more privileges but need residence hall advisors on practically every floor because so many don't know about or ignore the concept of responsibilities. (God, will somebody tell this guy to "get a life" — growing orchids, maybe.)

This is also not a case of "burned out" alumni. Tired, yes. "Of all the animals, the boy is the most unmanagable" (Plato, *Laws*, 808). But this was not a decision made in anger and haste. Two of our trustees mentioned the idea to me independently of each before a string of disappointing reports from disparate sources started arriving in the ten days before I visited the campus on February 22 and 23, 1991. "Burn out" is a phenomenon that reduces one's ability to cope — it induces resigned, passive behavior. That is not what this action is about. This action is not about passing the problem to a new, eager group of alumni some of whom have little notion of what the groups and system *can* be because they've never seen good models for them in action. This action is about putting some serious circumstances under the spotlight so they can be dealt with.

"How could you do this to your own fraternity?" I've been asked. Just last week I saw a piece by columnist William Rusher published in *The Washington Times,* in which he commented on some recent speakers at Princeton. He recounted that, when he spoke there a few years ago, by coincidence he had attended another college of the same name that had flourished on that very site many years ago.

From the first meeting with undergraduate officers in January 1985 (only the treasurer and his assistant showed up) my colleagues and I knew that this was not the fraternity we had been part of, but we did not realize how much the college had changed — beneath the surface: the student body. Nonetheless, we did not try to cram DU into the mold of what we remembered. Indeed, that mold would not serve — things were much easier then: rules to follow for rushing, rituals to guide us through the *three* big parties every year (when it was *legal* to drink at age 18), and the college collected our money!

We knew it would be harder, but we set out to do it because it was clear to us that the members were not getting what they could and should get from running the organization. For another thing, DU had long served young men from a broad range of races, religious and ethnic backgrounds who actively represented a wide variety of campus activities, and went off in representative numbers, at least, into teaching, medicine, law and business. More re-

Please see **Crumrine** on page 23

ECOVIEW

by Lisa Pelstring

"What has been spoiled through man's fault can be made good again through man's work."

-I Ching

On April 2 Dan O'Leary approved directing senior gift funds towards the purchase of a Jacobs Wind Generator. The generator will cost $20,000 and will produce 40,000 kilowatts of energy, enough to power a mediumsized home. Hamilton will be one of the first New England, liberal arts colleges to own such a generator. The wind generator will pay for itself in six to seven years, is one of the cleanest methods of producing energy, and will save money, roughly $100,000 annually, normally spent on electricity.

According to the President of Hamilton's Environmental Action Committee, Steedman Bass, the biggest hurdle in approving the new gift was aesthetics. The administration was concerned with the size and appearance of the wind generator. But after many meetings with Bass, Mike Flagg, Senior gift chair, and Art Jewitt, Director of Physical Plant, Vice President O'Leary agreed to redirect money raised by the graduating class. The wind generator will be installed to provide electricity for the new Sudent Campus Center, a building which is being designed with energy efficiency in mind. Presently the two prospective sites for the generator are the clearing behind Root parking lot and the woods behind Major dormitory.

The hill Hamilton is situated on is one of the top five wind generating sights in the United States, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Niagara Mohawk Power Comapany is presently developing plans for a wind farm. Reasons for implementing wind generators are numerous and ecologically sound. The energy provided from the generator is cleaner than Hamilton's present source of coal fired electricity which adds to global warming and acid rain. "Global warming is caused by the increase of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, primarily, carbon dioxide, which is the product of burning fossil fuels" like coal (source: AMICUS Journal, summer 1990). Carbon emissions are also largely responsible for acid rain which destroys lakes, trees, and other vegetation. The Adirondack Park receives more acid rain than any area of the country and many of the lakes are already dead or in the process of dying.

Bass maintains that "one wind generator alone will not have a serious impact on these problems, but the gift would certainly encourage the school to think every day about it's eclectricity consumption, the impact it has on the environment and alternatives to present coal fired electricity production." While Vice President O'Leary has agreed to the senior gift idea, the class of '91 must still raise the necessary funds in order to purchase the generator. If you have not given money for the senior gift and are interested in contributing, contact Mike Flagg.

President's Corner: *Pesticides On Campus*

Question: What is the College doing to minimize our use of pesticides? Could all use be abolished?

Answer: Many people have expressed their concern about the nature and extent of the use of pesticides on the campus. The College tries to maintain a campus of beauty and integrity, and, at the same time, we wish to be very attentive to the larger enviroment. Over the past several years, and in a continuing effort, Terry Hawkridge, Assistant Director of Physical Plant, has led our efforts radically to reduce our use of the broad spectrum of pesticides. Over the past seven years, we have reduced our use of pesticides by a very large amount, probably about 70%. When we use pesticides, we try to use those with minimal toxicity, those approved by the EPA, and the professionally supervised and applied.

Our policy is to reduce the use of pesticides to the minimal practical level in order to save the lives of trees and shrubs which are actually infested and attacked (usually by caterpillars and beetles), to maintain grass in areas of heavy use, and to minimize insects which do significant damage to the buildings.

How then are we approaching these categories?

First, with the regards to trees, we now spray only as needed where there is an actual infestation. In an earlier era, we used a broad spectrum of pesticides as a preventive measure. Now we do very targeted spraying where the lives of the trees are at risk.

Second, with regard to grass, we know that grass can grow successfully in this climate without treatments (except for golf greens which require fungicide). If grass is used in any significant way, however, it rapidly becomes infested with weeds, worn down, and eventually turns to dirt and mud. If we are to use our grass, both for athletics and for general recreation and walking as we now do, a certain amount of standard treatment is necessary.

Third, with regards to pests, we wish only to use chemical treatments where the life of the building is at risk because of infestation of wooden structures. In this regard, carpenter ants are the main problem.

Can we do more? Yes, and we are intending to do so.

With regards to trees, we are trying to plant only the most resistant shrubs and trees. In addition, we are surrounding trees and shrubs with very heavy layers of mulch to minimize the need for use of weed killers.

With regard to grass, we are looking for ways greatly to cut down the amount of lawn treatment we use by not treating grassy areas with relatively low use. This may have some aesthetic impact, as there will be some higher incidence of weeds, but we will watch how this develops.

With regards to pests, we would prefer to treat only for those pests which do demonstrable damage to the buildings. We receive many requests for eradication of "unsightly" insects, such as centipedes, earwigs, and silverfish, but there are no health or safety reasons why these insects need to be treated. If residents of the campus are willing to live with these insects, we can cut down or eliminate treatment for those insects.

Where possible we are further converting to new chemicals which appear safer. Indeed, the only general spectrum treatment which we will do this spring will involve the use of a dormant oil spray on evergreens and fruit trees, a treatment recommended by those who seek the elimination of all pesticides.

In addition, we will look for other remedies which can further reduce use of pesticides. Most known natural remedies are not particularly effective in this climate and in this soil. We will, however, continue to do research, invite suggestions, and attempt experiments.

Private Societies have Potential to Devastate Community

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rorities have the right, because they are privately owned, to regulate their own actions. However, H.O.S.S. holds that that right ends when it conflicts with the goals and ideals of the college and the safety of community members. How can we elect a student leader who sincerely believes that he or she is superior to others by dint of fraternity/sorority membership? How can the Dean of Students Office hire resident advisors who support and are active members of inherently sexist institutions? How can women at Hamilton tolerate a social, housing, and meal plan system that is determined and regulated largely by the whims of sophomore men who choose their own successors? How can Hamilton claim to be a modern, coeducational campus while this situation exists?

The future of Hamilton does not depend on the actions of the society system but the actions of individual community members. Until individuals stop supporting the private society system and start supporting and working for Hamilton as a community, Hamilton has a big problem. While H.O.S.S. resents being accused of covert activity at a time when we are working to educate the campus in a productive manner, we are appalled by the condemnation of those who did report actions that violate state laws on hazing, campus regulations, and even the very "noble" constitutions on which the societies claim that they are founded.

The recent suspension of DKE at Colgate University illicited this response from a DKE brother: "Let us remember that... while we 'build our bridges' with the rest of the Colgate Community, while we adapt to new rules and attitudes, we... remember these words — the words my Pledge Father told me... **DKE WILL ONLY CHANGE SO THAT DKE CAN REMAIN THE SAME"** (*The Nation*, August 1989.) Can Colgate tolerate such a mentality? Is it an educated mentality? Can Hamilton tolerate this mentality? Join HOSS in working to change Hamilton so that it will function better with fair opportunities for all — women, men, the popular elites and even the not-so-popular plebians.

DU Must Prepare For Change

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cently, the house seems to have attracted its members from a narrower range of students who, though from similar backgrounds, have seemed less inclined to take advantage of many of the opportunities for personal growth and education offered by the college. We have not been able to alter this, which also explains many of the other problems we've had and how we've arrived at our decision. We suggest that DU is not unique in its problems and that solutions will have to come from greater formal and informal ties with the college administration and changes in the social expectations and norms of the student body.

The changes will not come easily. The General Electric Company is in the second year of a reorganization process that is reaching to the roots of its corporate culture. I quote here from the 1990 Annual Report released next week: "So we have knocked down a few boundaries inside the Company and around it, but the walls within a big, century-old Company don't come down like Jericho's when management takes some organizational changes — or gives a speech. There are too many persistent habits propping them up."

I told *The Spectator* that we'd agree to leave the door open to be persuaded not to turn the house over to the college, but that wasn't mentioned last week. I hope the DUs will go beyond themselves to enlist assistance, to develop a response, and become a catalyst for change, as well. Immediate affirmative steps by other organizations could make a difference too. Persistent habits are usually best changed when people help each other.

The True Tragedy of Rodney King

Greetings From the Right

David Ives '92

In the early morning of March 3, the Los Angeles Police Department caught up with Mr. Rodney Glenn King, who had been racing at speeds over 100 mph. Once stopped, according to police, King refused to get out of his car. When he finally did, he pulled an officer to the ground.

Mr. King then received a lesson in Driver's Ed. that he will not soon forget: after surrounding Mr. King, the Los Angeles cops proceeded to beat him relentlessly as he lay on the ground feebly trying to get them to stop. Mr. King was clubbed and kicked some 50 times.

An amateur photographer captured the entire proceeding and the tape ended up on national TV, again and again. Not long after, cries arose exclaiming that this incident proves that blacks are constantly being singled out and are at the mercy of brutal white cops. The ACLU went as far as to compare the LAPD to a common street gang: "A man was jumped and beaten Sunday night...beaten by a gang, not unlike many of the other gangs which terrorize our city. This gang has colors, has a tough-talking leader, carries guns and clubs and has the force of the law on its side."

Though the beating was clearly excessive and brutal, I did not expect the protests involving the beating to get too large or too vocal. Is that because I feel we are a racist nation which revels in "hate crimes?" No, the answer is far more complex. In our violent and aggressive society, most Americans have come to look upon the cops as "us," and Mr. King (a convicted felon) as "them." He is the enemy in a war we are clearly losing, and we see the cops as one of our last lines of defense.

While the police did beat King excessively (no one disagrees about that fact), most Americans won't shed too many tears for him. That's because Americans know that if those cops had been killed while wildly chasing King through the streets of Los Angeles, or shot to death by Mr. King when he got out of the car, neither the ACLU nor the news media would have stuck around for the funeral.

To see why Americans often seem "insensitive" to police misconduct, consider the study on race and crime by Dr. William Wilbanks of Florida International University. Using the Justice Department's National Crime Survey of 135,000 people, Dr. Wilbanks compared a one 36-month period in the late 1970s with a similar period in the 1980s, and found:

— Interracial crimes (less than 20% of all crimes) are declining, and the sharpest decline was in multiple offender white-on-black assaults and robberies which fell by 64%.

— For single-offender crimes, whites now choose black victims only 3% of the time, while black assailants choose white victims in 50% of their crimes.

— Single offenders' black-on-white crimes are almost ten times as common as white-on-black. For gang crimes black-on-white assaults are eight times as common as the reverse, and robberies by gangs of black felons against individual white victims are an astonishing 60 times as common as white-on-black.

Here is concrete racism. Here is the real reason Middle America dislikes all the press commentary about how ours is a society where "white racism" is embedded and "hate crimes" against poor and defenseless minorities are commonplace. Americans don't believe this because it is, at best, an over-exaggeration. There is racism, but it is clearly not as pervasive as the press leads us to believe, and it is clearly not as one-sided.

Most people would not go out of their way to loudly protest Mr. King's beating, but not because they don't like blacks. The same people who dismiss Mr. King's plight approve of black progress, applaud black athletes, and cheer the patriotism of blacks who served in the Gulf War. They are not going to worry about Mr. King because they know that if they were at risk, Mr. King probably wouldn't worry about them—but those cops probably would.

Around 1960, the media stopped identifying criminals and their victims by race. The reason was to avoid racial disharmony and stereotypes, and the idea was a good one. It's too bad the press can't stick to a promise.

Today, the media cannot wait to jump all over a Howard Beach or a Bensonhurst. Why? Because it knows that anything that is racially divisive and emotionally explosive makes for good ratings, and because such incidents fit perfectly into the new media stereotype of a "resurgent white racism rampaging through America's persecuted black minority."

The real tragedy isn't Mr. King. The real tragedy is the law-abiding black majority. Because of a fear of black criminals, they are left behind by cab drivers, viewed with suspicion by paranoid fellow citizens, and watched more closely and harassed more frequently by police. That is simply unfair.

The reason is not racism. The unfairness of it all lies in the ugly truth of those awful crime statistics.'

Societies Victims of "Gutterball" Tactics

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they are losing credibility and sight of their arguments.

My proposal for a plan of action to correct these deficiencies is to revert back to the intended intellectual basis. The ISC and H.O.S.S. are organizing an upcoming debate, yet this effort is being defeated by their recent actions. We need open discourse on the issues and educational forums. H.O.S.S. needs to present legitimate ideas and proposals to ISC, and then the system can begin to progress in a respectable fashion. H.O.S.S. has failed to develop a concrete, reasonable proposal. Their mission statement is not sufficient. Tangible ideas, not sensationalist language, will help reform a system which, I believe, can use change.

If H.O.S.S. begins to act professionally, then perhaps societies will be more receptive. Conversely, if societies are continuously antagonized they will rightfully grow defensive and uncooperative. Additionally, if H.O.S.S. acts professionally and in conjunction with ISC, then the campus can be educated on some important issues. Stereotyping will be minimized, and more importantly, each side will begin to listen to the other on a more satisfying and intellectual level.

CAREERS IN THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

April 18th at 7PM
KJ 220

Speaker Paul Grogan

President of **Local Initiatives Support Corporation**, a non-profit fundraising organization which directs private monies (a "social investment banker") to local affordable housing programs in cities across the country. LISC was created by the Ford Foundation and six other corporations in 1979. The LISC also focuses on revitalizing commercial and retail services for community residents.

Speaker Karen Sunnarborg

Project Director for **New York City Partnership, Inc.**, responsible for planning and development activities on all housing projects administered through the Partnership New Homes Program.

FOCUS

Both will be speking about careers in the not-for-profit sector, specifically focusing on affordable housing.

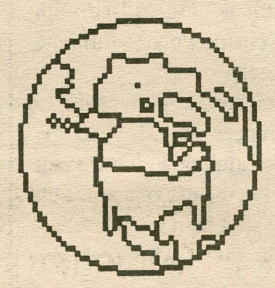
sponsored by the Career Center

ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER

April 17th at 7PM
Dwight Lounge, BCC

Mr. Thayne Ryland '86

has previously worked for:
Maine Audobon Society
Nature Conservancy
Atlantic Center for the Environment
Connecticut River Foundation
Interned at CEIP



Focus

Mr. Ryland will discuss various entry level positions available in the environmental field for liberal arts graduates.

sponsored by the Career Center and the Hamilton Environmental Action Committee

Workers Needed

Reunion Weekend

Thursday, May 30 — Sunday, June 2
4 days, 20-25 hours total
25 student openings

Responsibilities include:
—Reunion Registration
—Class Dinners
—Special Class Events
—Reunion Parade

Contact Bob Welch '89,
Assistant Director of Alumni Admission Programs,
at the Clancy D. Connell Alumni Center (859-4412) by
Wednesday, April 17

Get a group of friends together and live on campus for free while spending the week working together. It's a great way to wind down after Finals and Senior Week.

Staff, Faculty Benefits Not Commensurate

To the Hamilton Community:

Perhaps it is cumbersome to some that you can always count on the administration of Hamilton College to be consistent. Once again, the answer to "equalizing" an issue of great importance to the staff is to ignore their needs completely.

In Mr. O'Leary's March 19 issue to the Faculty, Administrators, Staff, and Maintenance and Operations, the question of "equalizing" the tuition benefit has been solved only to the satisfaction of the faculty and administrators. To members of the staff, it is an insult.

While the waiting period may be a concern for some staff members, the main issue is receiving tuition assistance at other institutions as the faculty and administration currently receives.

Typically, because it will cost Hamilton money to include the staff in a totally equal benefit, and by changing the waiting period so faculty members who earn more than $59000 a year will be satisfied, the staff is once again "put in their place" by being ignored. To quote the minutes of the 6th Faculty meeting, "Currently, no waiting period exists for faculty who wish to take advantage of the benefit, while staff must wait seven years after initial employment. This requires that the faculty benefit be taxed. To avoid the latter, all employees will now have an equal three-year waiting period." How relieved those faculty members (whose children would never have had to depend on that benefit for their choice of school) must be. What a burden it must be for them to have been taxed. You can be sure that we staff members all took a breath of relief that this benefit has been "equalized" to save the faculty and administrators a few bucks!

As Mr. O'Leary stated in his memo, "The Board of Trustees decided to equalize..." I would like to know if the Trustees who decided on this change can really understand the impact this has on the staff. Is it possible that they feel we are inferior also, that our children (which are the real issue her) do not deserve the same choices as the children and administrators? I cannot believe that they can be so short-sighted as to deliberately allow this discrimination to continue. My question is, did they really "decide," or did they simply go along with the recommendation, without looking further? I believe they are decent, caring human beings who know from their own experiences how important their own staff are in the success of their businesses.

What is being totally overlooked are the many employees who stay at Hamilton not for the tuition benefit, but because they feel a loyalty and commitment to know that they make a difference. The benefits staff members receive aren't that great. We are offered benefits we cannot use, of course, all of which comes at little if any dollar cost. The question is, will offering this benefit "equally" to staff members really break the college? I doubt it. And I also don't feel it is inappropriate for the staff to ask that this benefit be equalized knowing it will come at cost.

The bottom line is — don't we have the right to make a better life for *our* children, to give them choices, "equally," as do the faculty and administrators? If the answer is no, and Hamilton cannot afford to include the staff in this benefit, perhaps it is too expensive to continue offering to the faculty and adminstrators — which is the only alternative to true "equalization," because as the benefit stands now, it reeks of discrimination!

Staff Member's Name Withheld Upon Request

Staff Appreciation Day Announced

To the Editor

The representatives of the Class of 1992 and the Community Council believe relations between the staff and the Hamilton College community can be strengthened to enhance the overall atmosphere of the College. The service the staff provides are numerous. Some examples of staff members are the following: Burke librarians, Physical Plant workers, Security Officers, Hallmark workers, Print Shop workers, Health Center workers, and Dean of Students Office Secretaries. A positive atmosphere shared by staff, faculty, administrators and Students will create a more constructive working environment for all associated with the community.

The Class of 1992, in conjunction with the Community Council, is committed to building a stronger link between the staff and the student body. A step towards this goal is to declare **April 24th** as **Staff Appreciation Day**. We encourage all students on April 24th, to expressly recognize the contributions of staff to the Hamilton College community and to articulate appreciation for those contributions. On April 24th, the Junior Class will present tokens of appreciation and esteem to the Hamilton Staff. In succeeding years the Junior Class will assume responsibility for maintaining this 4th day of the fourth week of the 4th month as Staff Appreciation Day.

John K. Werner
1992 Class President
Aaron Dunne '93
Chair of the Community Council

Credit For Motion Not Given Where Due

To the Editor:

I would like to correct an inaccuracy that appeared in the March 29 *Spectator* article entitled "Faculty Challenges Evaluations." The article suggested that I and Professor Maureen Miller introduced a motion to abolish the old form used by students to evaluate faculty and courses. I was one of the individuals to sign the petition that allowed the motion to be placed on the agenda at the March faculty meeting, but the credit for initiation of this motion belongs to Professor Miller. Her initiative also inspired me to get involved in the development of an alternative form that was first presented by Professor Miller during the same faculty meeting. It is my contention that Bill Stern, the author of the *Spectator* article in question, was not deliberately inaccurate; he simply got the wrong impression. Professor Miller and I (along with other members of the faculty) have been working together on the evaluation issue; but I owe her my gratitude for motivating me to act on this important matter.

Laura R. Winsky
Instructor, Govt. Department

"Pledge Test" Demonstrates Weaknesses of Greek System

To the Hamilton Community:

On April 2, the Theta Delta Chi pledge test was distributed to students on the Hill. The person who distributed the tests was questioned: how did they get the test? to whom did they choose to distribute it? why did they distribute it? I think those questions should be secondary. Rather, we should take this unique opportunity to examine the content of the test.

Explain why pledges are feeble. Include why brothers are superior. This statement exemplifies how men degrade men within the fraternity process. This degradation begins when men are either selected or excluded during the rushing process. It occurs during line-ups when pledges are awoken and drilled on information. It occurs during at least one Hamilton initiation where men are untruthfully told that they have been denied membership. This is done to break the pledge down so that he can be built up; it is done to teach him to appreciate the fraternity.

Has pissed in an inappropriate place in virtually every society on campus. Busted for possession. Passed out from a 12 foot Bong. Booted on Cheesehead. Booted in the shape of New Jersey. These statements are all included in the matching part of the exam, describing a characteristic which is to be matched to the name of a brother. Is this how brothers want to be seen by pledges? Are these the qualities pledges need to have to be "superior" brothers? Are the fraternal bonds any deeper than the knowledge of these incidents?

How big is Roy's penis? Expound on the concept of Cottage Cheese. (Include a graphic diagram of its removal). Propose an alternative to this method. These statements follow the matching section. The anti-intellectual attitude (which pervades the test) and sexual connotations are in the least, offensive.

A test is designed to determine the presence, quality, or genuineness of something. This test, I feels, shows us the presence of an anti-intellectual organization which creates an unhealthy separation between its members (pledges and brothers) with superficial bonds. More importantly, as a community, we need to get past the internal problems of this particular organization and explore its ramifications on the Hill. Can we respect Hamilton students for writing and taking this test? What are the problems that secret organizations create? Can we say that we are all part of the same community? How is classroom climate and residential life affected by the communities these societies create? We need to question the College's recognization of societies which select, exclude, and degrade. We need to question our support of societies whether that be as a member or simply as a guest.

Many questions are raised by this test. I urge individuals to confront and discuss all the issues associated with the private society system including those of anti-intellectualism, division of community, sexism, and homophobia. Furthermore, until you can justify this test, this society, this system as a whole, I urge you to boycott the private society system at Hamilton College.

Michelle Kweder '92

D.U. Affairs Should Remain Private

To the Editor:

It was very disturbing to read the article about the Delta Upsilon fraternity in last week's edition of the Spectator. First of all, I would have preferred to keep the internal affairs of D.U. private. However, I recognize this was not possible due to the widespread distribution of Paul Crumrine's letter which recommended that the D.U. house be closed.

More importantly, my concern is with the way the article was written. Mr. Crumrine appeared as a villain who is out to "sabotage" D.U. Not only is this not the case, it also taints the reputation of a man who has been instrumental to the revitalization of the chapter. Since 1984, Mr. Crumrine has committed more time and effort to the Hamilton Chapter than all other D.U. alumni combined. While I feel that his recommendation to close the house is too drastic, I also respect his opinion and perspective. Mr. Crumrine's concerns with D.U. are certainly legitimate. The undergraduate officers and the alumni trustees have a great deal of work to do in order to tackle the challenges facing the fraternity.

I hope Mr. Crumrine will continue to support D.U., and I encourage all other interested alumni to get involved with the chapter.

Dan Nye '88

Mysterious DKE Pledge Misquoted

To the Editor:

We are writing to express our extreme disappointment with a *"Quotable Quote"* which appeared in the March 29, 1991 edition of *The Spectator*. There was much confusion as to the true identity of this so called "DKE pledge." As a pledge class we feel it is our responsibility to clear this matter. By placing this false quote into *The Spectator*, you have slandered not only our pledge class, but also the fraternity we represent. The quote that was given was not spoken by anyone associated with Delta Kappa Epsilon. Although we understand the seeming insignificance of a "*Quotable Quote*," we also realize the importance of our integrity and standing in the Hamilton community. We hope this letter brings to light the pride with which we hold the Tau chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The 1991 Pledge Class of DKE

Editor's Note: See this week's Quotables *for clarification.*

Plight of Tibet Ignored on Campus

To the Editor:

Last Tuesday, the Dalai Lama opened his America campaign at Cornell University. The campaign is directed towards promoting awareness of incidents which have taken place in Tibet. In fact, a very distressing aspect of the troubles of Tibet is the lack of international concern and sympathy for this nation. Over the past two decades the atrocities of the Chinese oppression have been vastly ignored by many nations who have sought to improve their own relations with China.

Since it is 1991, "The Year of Tibet," I feel it would be appropriate for *The Spectator* to publish an article about the problems in Tibet; if for no other reason than to increase awareness on campus of international events. It would after all be nice to see Hamilton conscious of the ecological and cultural damage which has taken place in Tibet. I find it very upsetting that 1.2 million Tibetans have lost their lives at the hands of Chinese soldiers, and still some students at Hamilton have no idea who the Dalai Lama is or where Tibet is located.

Zohair Husain '94

Community Needs Understanding, Not Stereotyping

To the Editor:

Since coming to Hamilton, I have at times submitted articles identifying a particular view on issues of meaningful dialogue in the College community, just as many other students and professors have as well. But it seems that when these ideas are contributed to further the enrichment of the college environment, the writers often face rash, personal responses which make no effort to address another side of the issue. This has been the case with some of the most highly regarded professors and the common student alike: the responses that are received fail to attack the writer's position on the issue, but instead challenge his right to have and express his position. I, for instance, wrote an article on fraternities, an article which was purposely written in a very general and brief style, attempting to encourage further debate and ultimately a more intense study or understanding of some of the more specific elements involved. Unfortunately though, I was only "rebutted" personally and unprofessionally, essentially being called a rapist. When I in turn wrote in my defense, my article was cast aside by *The Spectator*, resulting in a temperament of continued hostility and bitterness among all those involved. Moreover, this outcome is enhanced with the abundance of "hate mail" which frequently arrives in the hands of contributors, particularly those who write in favor of the status quo — those who potentially "offend" that small but vocal faction of protesters. Instead of attempting to persuade through logic, reason and personal credibility, this hate mail will begin with such blank slogans as: "How dare you..." or "You fascist pig..."

But lets look at this occurrence in its larger context. We should understand that media of communication such as *The Spectator* are not havens for irrelevant personal battles. Certainly, different perspectives cause controversy, but controversy is, after all, the hallmark of a successful college experience. In my articles, for example, I might choose to employ words or phrases which attract the reader's attention and leave him thinking and taking sides, hopefully causing him to respond. This is to do nothing more than invite meaningful debate on questions or issues of common interest. Hamilton, of course, is an institution of higher learning, and we should therefore respond to ideas with which we do not agree intelligently and sincerely. But this adverse response that we are continually experiencing is a warped, frustrated perversion of the meaning of debate and the expression of ideas. People are so wary of any possible breach of our First Amendment guarantee, but those same people so often turn around and respond with personal hate mail of no intellectual or serious value, perfectly defining what our political forefathers called "wretched drivel." So before we contest another article with such hideous blank accusations as "fascist pig" and the threat that someone's ideas will not be tolerated, let us ask ourselves if we really do want to forfeit Hamilton's claim to be an "institution of higher learning." Hamilton's name has traditionally commanded respect, but as one professor remarked in a related article, this will soon not be the case if we are simply graduating even a sprinkling of such self-righteous narcissists.

Michael J. Peluse '94

An Inquiry Into Male Bonding Rituals

To My Esteemed Colleagues at Hamilton College:

During a discussion about secret societies, one friend of mine enlightened me with a description of a male ritual called "ookie cookie." This ritual, as it was described, involves a number of men sitting in a circle, masturbating, and ejaculating onto the cookie half of an Oreo (or Saltine, etc.). The last man to complete his purge must eat the cookie. A heated debate ensued after a number of people expressed their disgust on the subject. One friend said in his defense, "I am sure that there are 'group cucumber rituals' which women in secret societies indulge in." Every woman in the room replied that no, these rituals do not exist. These women fortified their claim with insights about gender differences: mainly that men are more intrigued by their own bodies and the bodies of other men than women are intrigued by the bodies and bodily functions of other women. Example #1: It is said that many men measure their penises and compare penis size with their buddies. Women do not measure the depths of their vaginas, nor do they compare this figure with other women. #2: Speed ejaculation is a common pastime for men and boys. Women do not time or race each others' orgasms. More examples were given to support the women's claims.

One of the responses by the men in the room was that the women (and men) present would never know if "group cucumber rituals" were instilled in sorority rush functions because they are "secret" societies, and none of the women (or men) present participated in Greek sisterhood.

I bring these questions to the community at large because I would like to know the insights of my fellow colleagues. My inquiry is, of course, out of sheer curiosity. Do men at Hamilton join in ritual group masturbation? Do men at Hamilton pressure others to participate in these activities? Do men anywhere else do this? Are these some of the "secrets" which men uncover while rushing a fraternity? Are the above examples accurate of men and women in general? And finally, do women at Hamilton or elsewhere play games with their sexual organs? If you have any insights on this matter, please contact me through campus mail or respond to The *Spectator*.

Leah Hirsch '91

ISC Sponsors Weekend Activity for Utica Children

To the Editor:

On Saturday April 6, 1991, the ISC is sponsoring a day of fun and games for children from Utica, who are participants in the United Way drop-in program at the Cosmopolitan Community Center. The children range in age from five to ten. This saturday is an opportunity for the children to go on a field trip, see the campus and spend time with the Hamilton community. The day will include various games, crafts and a treasure hunt that will conclude with a barbecue at A.D. We welcome all members of the Hamilton community to attend and help out - it should be a lot of fun. The children are arriving at Psi U at 1p.m. and will then, move around to different private society houses for different activities and will finally end with a barbecue at A.D. at approximately 5:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to participate for any amount of time should be at Psi U at 1:00 p.m. Other private societies participating include D.U. , D Phi, Chi Psi, DKE, PBX and Phi Sig. Members of HAVOC will also be involved.

We are also helping with a phone-a-thon for the United Cerebral Palsy in Utica. The phone-a-thon would require making phone calls for the purpose of fundraising for two hours any night the week of April 15. This is avery worhty cause and they need all the help they can get. Anyone interested should contact Sarah Mooney through campus mail or phone as soon as possible.

The ISC Philanthropy Committee

Substance-Free Housing Provides New Alternative

To The Editor:

In an effort to meet the needs of several students on campus, we are offering a substance-free living area for the 1991-1992 academic year. This option will be available for students who are in recovery, who come from alcoholic homes or who simply want to live in an area free of smoke, alcohol, and alcohol-related activities and behaviors.

Students who participate in this living option will sign a contract promising that they, and their guests, will not smoke or drink in this area. They will also promise to confront those that do.

The size and location of this area will be determined based on interest. Students wanting to learn more about this housing option should contact the Dean of Students Office by Wednesday, April 10th.

Rebecca L. Reed
Director, Residential Life

Christian Fellowship's Easter Food Drive Successful

To the Editor:

The Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship would like to thank the Hamilton Community for its support of their "1st Annual Easter Food Drive." Due to the generosity of the community, we were able to provide hearty Easter dinners for thirteen Utica families. Each family also received other perishable and non-perishable items, some of which are too expensive for them to purchase, yet needed in order to be well nourished.

There are three organizations that deserve special recognition for their generous monetary donations . The contributions received from the Black and Latin Student Organization, Community Council, and La Vanguardia enabled us to buy the amount and quality of food that we did. Their contributions and concern for this cause were exteremely beneficial and are greatly appreciated. We thank you very much! We would also like to thank the members of the Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oriskany, who donated many canned and non-perishable items.

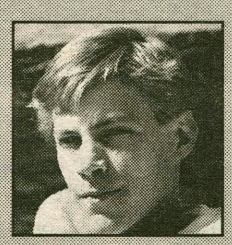
The Christian Fellowship is thankful for the community's support of the Food Drive. Due to its success, it will become a part of our yearly agenda, with hopes of increasing awareness and participation, and providing just as many families with food and items that they really need.

The Inter Varsity
Christian Fellowship

Voice Box: Is the Honor Code obeyed and enforced at Hamilton?

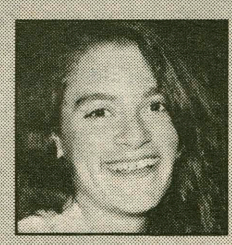
Laura Hansfield '91 "They sort of take it [the Honor Code] and incorporate it into their own personal system of morals and work with it from there. But if your talking in terms of people cheating on a test, stealing a test or whatever, I'd say in general it's respected. It's not socially acceptable if you are going to cheat.

Catherine Zinn '92: "If the administration themselves gave the students a feeling that we have more control over our academic lives then people would take the Honor Code more seriously . In fact, if they gave us more leeway on exams, even freeing us up to take them when and where we want, then people might respect it more."



Matthew Carballal '91: "The fact that the Honor Code has to be written down and isn't merely assumed as part of a gentleperson's behavior is a sad commentary on the students and people who think we need to have an honor code."

Bruce Simon '91: "I feel that if people want to cheat they're going to find a way to cheat whether there is an honor code or not and I'd rather trust on paper students to have honor and I'd rather have a code than a police state here."



Betty Fotopolous '93

Though its a good idea in theory, the way I've seen the Honor Code used lately suggests to me that rather than promoting academic self-didcipline and integrity, the Honor Code is more often used to relieve faculty from tedious supervision and to shift the responsibility of academic honesty from the faculty to the student (where it is usually lost).

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1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Attitudes editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Attitudes box outside *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

2. Letters should be less than 300 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. *The Spectator* will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. *The Spectator* also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces. In such cases, the editor will provide the author with the reasons.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the submission to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

Run For The Right Reasons

Student Assembly elections are impending, and hopefully they will be greeted with a deluge of petitions. However, it is important that those who run do so for the right reasons.

Some students seem to be quick to criticize the Student Assembly; evidence of this is a song performed by one of Hamilton's a capella groups in which the Assembly was lampooned as largely being ineffective. However, it is rare that these criticisms have been the result of an investigation into the activities of the Assembly. On the whole, those that attend meetings are an enthusiastic group of people who approach their jobs with energy and vigor. They are a group of people genuinely concerned with the needs of the community and their constituents. Members are constantly engaged in meeting with various committees and administrators, forever making inquiries for constituents or exploring avenues for change. these activities are largely behind-the-scenes.

Of course, this does not account for the entire membership. There are a very few members who seem to perpetuate the misconceptions. These members ran for all the wrong reasons — to print a platform in objection to that of a competitor, to fatten up a resumé, or for some other indiscernible reasons. In some cases, these people's victories have prevented a truly dedicated person from becoming elected.

Why have these people wasted valuable votes? While these people are very few, they are noticeable. They were elected in good faith, in the belief that they would make every effort to accomplish the goals set forth in their platforms. Who have they served by neglecting meetings, or, if they have a conflict, participating in another manner? No one. Furthermore, who have they done a greater disservice to, the constituents who counted on them, or the defeated competitors who would have happily participated (and who, in some cases, have been discouraged from running again)?

It is very important that people take part in the Student Assembly and run for election. Too often second and third rounds are necessary to fill all seats. However, it is equally important to run for the right reasons, and to understand what election to the office entails. Otherwise, we all lose.

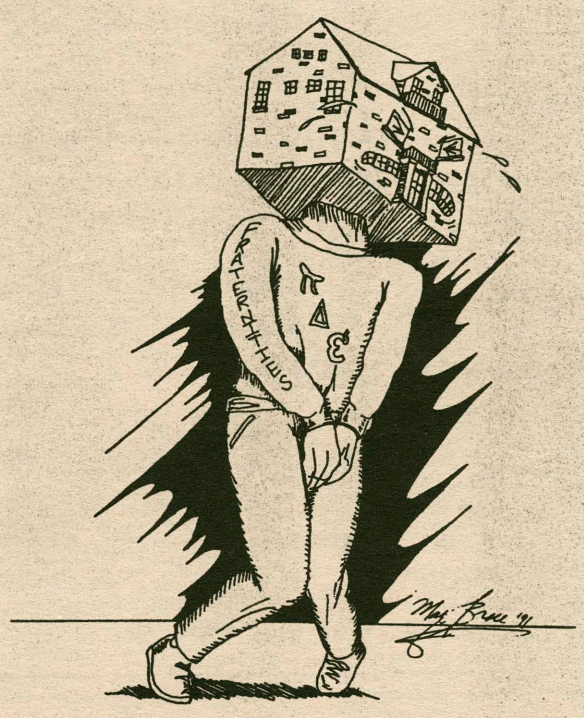
Communications Continued...

It is always encouraging to know that the editorial page has an audience; however, it is even more heartening when the desired objectives are achieved and the written word has had a concrete impact on the community.

Last week's editorial targeted several situations on campus in which enhanced communication could lead to swifter progress when resolving problems. As a result of this editorial, progress was made in certain spheres of the community. A staff member who had expressed resentment concerning inequity in benefits revealed their identity to the editor-in-chief, making it possible to print their concerns and inform the entire community about their problem.

Furthermore, as a result of the editorial, the editor-in-chief was invited to meet with the Staff Council. During this meeting the point of the editorial was clarified. It was not meant to belittle the efforts of the staff for the past several years; rather, it was directed primarily to particular staff members who wished to take issue with individuals and were not doing so in as effective a manner as possible. Also at this meeting it was decided to increase communication between the Staff Council and *The Spectator* so that the community at large is more aware of their concerns. It is hoped that this will lead to further progress towards reaching acceptable outcomes.

Again, a valuable lesson was learned. Communication is a mutual endeavor, and it can only be successful if all parties practice the art of listening to each other.



The Spectator **Weekly Calendar** *March 8, 1991*

5 *Friday*

4:00 **Passover Kosher Co-op Dinner.** Backus House.
4:30 **Blocking lottery numbers posted.** Dean of Students Office.
8:00 **Spring Theatre Production.** *Il Campiello.* Minor Theatre.
8:00 **Christian Fellowship Meeting** Room 220, KJ.

6 *Saturday*

1:00 **Men's Tennis.** Hamilton at Hartwick.
1:00 **Women's Lacrosse.** Hamilton at St. Lawrence.
1:00 **Softball.** RIT at Hamilton.
1:00 **Basball.** Hamilton at Hartwick.
2:00 **Men's Lacrosse.** Williams at Hamilton.
4:00 **Passover Kosher Co-op Dinner.** Backus House.
7:00 **Open Mike.** Sponsored by RHC. Chapel.
8:00 **Spring Theatre Production.** *Il Campiello.* Minor Theatre.
8:00 **Student Recital.** Jennifer Creem, clarinet and Miriam Kornhaber, mezzo-soprano. Wellin Hall, Schambach.

7 *Sunday*

10:30 **The Church in the Chapel.** Nya Taryor, Chaplain.
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
1:00 **Baseball.** RPI at Hamilton.
2:00 **Focus on Central and Eastern Europe.** "Rozmarin." Village Singing from Russia and the Balkans. Dwight Lounge, BCC.
8:00 **Spring Theatre Production.** *Il Campiello.* Minor Theatre.

8 *Monday*

3:00& 7:30 **College Course 300 Film:** *The Seventh Seal.* KJ Aud.
3:00 **Men's Tennis.** Utica at Hamilton.
3:30 **Women's Lacrosse.** Hamilton at Oneonta.
3:30 **Softball.** Hamilton at Oneonta.
4:10 **Biology Department Seminar.** "Current Epidemiology and Pathogenesis of Lyme Disease." Dr. Richard Pollack. Sci. Aud.
4:15 **Academic Interest Interviews.** Room 220, KJ.
5:30 **German Table.** McEwen Din. Hall.
6:00 **Keehn Coop Lottery.** Keehn Lnge.
7:00 **Quiet Hall Lottery.** KJ Fac. Lnge
8:00 **Blocking Lottery.** KJ Fac. Lnge.
8:30 **Focus on Central and Eastern Europe.** "Are Russians Starving? Perestroika and Reform in the USSR." Vladimir Bashmachnikov. Red Pit, KJ.

9 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
12:00 **Spanish Table.** Room 109, McEwen.
2:00 **Baseball.** Oswego at Hamilton.
7:00 **Life Planning Workshop. (Advance sign-up required)** Room 221, KJ.
7:30 **Government Dep't Colloquium.** "Political Science and the Changing USSR." Donald Van Atta. Dwight Lounge, BCC.
8:00 **Lecture.** "Images of Women in Rabbinic Literature." Judith Baskin. Red Pit, KJ.
8:30 **Focus on Central and Eastern Europe.** "The Works of Art in the Age of Perestroika." Margarita Tupitsyn. Chem. Aud.
9:00 **Open Mike.** Sponsored by Amnesty International. Coffeehouse

10 *Wednesday*

12:00 **French Table.**Rm 104, McEwen.
3:00 **Men's Tennis.** Hamilton at Clarkson.
3:00& 7:30 **College Course 300 Film:** Berman, *Persona.* KJ Aud.
4:00 **Men's Lacrosse.** Hartwick at Hamilton.
4:30 **Just for Juniors.** Red Pit, KJ.
5:00 **Chinese Table.**Rm 104, McEwen.
7:00 **HOPE Meeting.** ELS.
7:00 **Resume Workshop.** (Advance sign-up required.) Room 220, KJ.
7:00-8:30 **Faculty and Student Panel.** "Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals in Today's Society." Dwight Lounge, BCC.
8:30 **New Jazz Network.** Craig Harris & Tailgater's Tales. Lenny Pickett and the Borneo Horns. Wellin Hall, Schambach.
10:00 **Wednesday Night is *Live* in the HUB.** BCC.

11 *Thursday*

11:00-3:00 **US Marine Corps.** Lobby, BCC.
12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3:30 **Softball.** Hamilton at SUNY Utica.
5:30 **Kennedy Dinner and Lecture.** "twenty something." Susan Frey '84. Dwight Lounge, BCC.
7:00 **Holocaust Remembrance Day Service and Lecture.** "The Anne Frank We Remember." Alvin Rosenfeld. Chapel.
8:00 **Spring Theatre Production.** *Il Campiello.* Minor Theatre.
8:30 **New Jazz Network.** Don Cherry and Multi Kulti. Wellin Hall, Schambach.
9:00 **Women's Center Meeting.** Women's Center.

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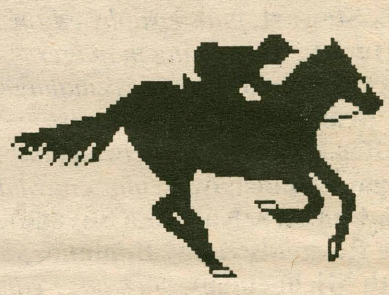


...setting your clocks ahead one hour. This Saturday... don't fall behind!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Silence of the Lambs.....6:50, 9:50
Home Alone.....7:00, 9:25
Dances With Wolves.....7:30
New Jack City.....7:00, 9:55
Career Opportunity.....7:15, 9:35
The Doors.....6:40, 9:30
Ninja Turtles II.....6:30, 8:30
Marrying Man.....7:00, 9:40
The Hard Way.....7:05, 9:45

Paris 733-2730

Green Card.....7:00
Five Heart Beats.....9:30

Cannonball 853-5553

Marrying Man.....7:00, 9:15

Uptown 727-0020

Sleeping With the Enemy....7:00, 9:30

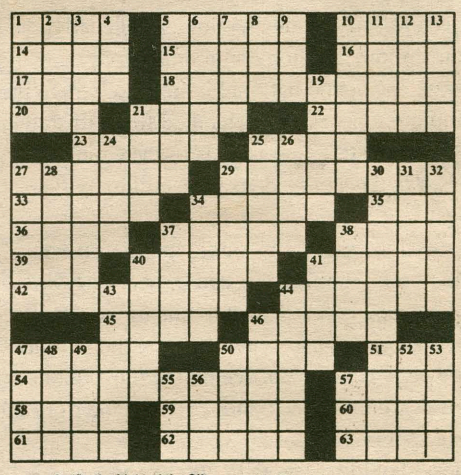
On Campus

The Blues Brothers
•Fri. K-J Aud.....8:00
•Sat. K-J Aud. 10:00
•Sun. K-J Aud. 7:30

The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & Her Lover
•Fri. K-J Aud.....10:00
•Sat. K-J Aud. 7:30
•Sun. K-J Aud 10:00

Weekly Crossword

"POETICALLY SPEAKING" By Gerry Frey



ACROSS
1 "Little" comedian
5 Firm
10 Head honcho
14 Wimbledon's Arthur
15 747, eg
16 Dueling sword
17 Islands in the Seine
18 FAMOUS LIMERICK POET
20 "_____ Miserables"
21 Chow ____: Chinese style dish
22 Smallest of the litters
23 Barter
25 Short race
27 Javelins, eg
29 LONGFELLOW POEM
33 Makes coffee, eg
34 Refusals
35 King in France
36 Perry Mason occup.
37 Smidgens
38 Gloomy
39 Broadway sign
40 Fathers
41 Lull
42 POET-SINGER
44 Ransacked
45 Prevarications
46 Modeling wood
47 Stop
50 Chomp
51 Hereditary acid
54 ENGLISH ROMANTIC POET
57 Crazy bird
58 Pay the kitty
59 Babble
60 Word with mate or harp
61 Golf devices
62 POETIC RHYTHYM
63 Little brown bird

DOWN
1 Berate
2 Small island
3 ENGLISH POET & ESSAYIST G.K. _____
4 "For ____ a Jolly Good Fellow"
5 Puts the pedal to the metal
6 "By the Light of the Silvery Moon", eg
7 Grass covered yard
8 "Like a pig ___ __ poke"
9 German article
10 Source of caviar
11 Agape
12 Chair
13 Short for Sun. talks
19 Sketches
21 The red planet
24 Risque
25 Eats in luxury
26 Squeals
27 Involuntary muscular contraction
28 Chem lab dish
29 Hosiery
30 BARD
31 Dwelling
32 Broadcasted
34 Telegrams
37 Muck
38 Gentle strokes
40 Arouses
41 Word with north or south
43 Playground fixtures
44 CBS newscaster
46 "You're welcome" in Munich
47 Hit sharply
48 Musical sound
49 Laugh ins Johnson
50 Ill-behaved child
52 Memo
53 Soon
55 Stenos' performance measure
56 Pay dirt
57 Judge Wapner's bailiwick

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